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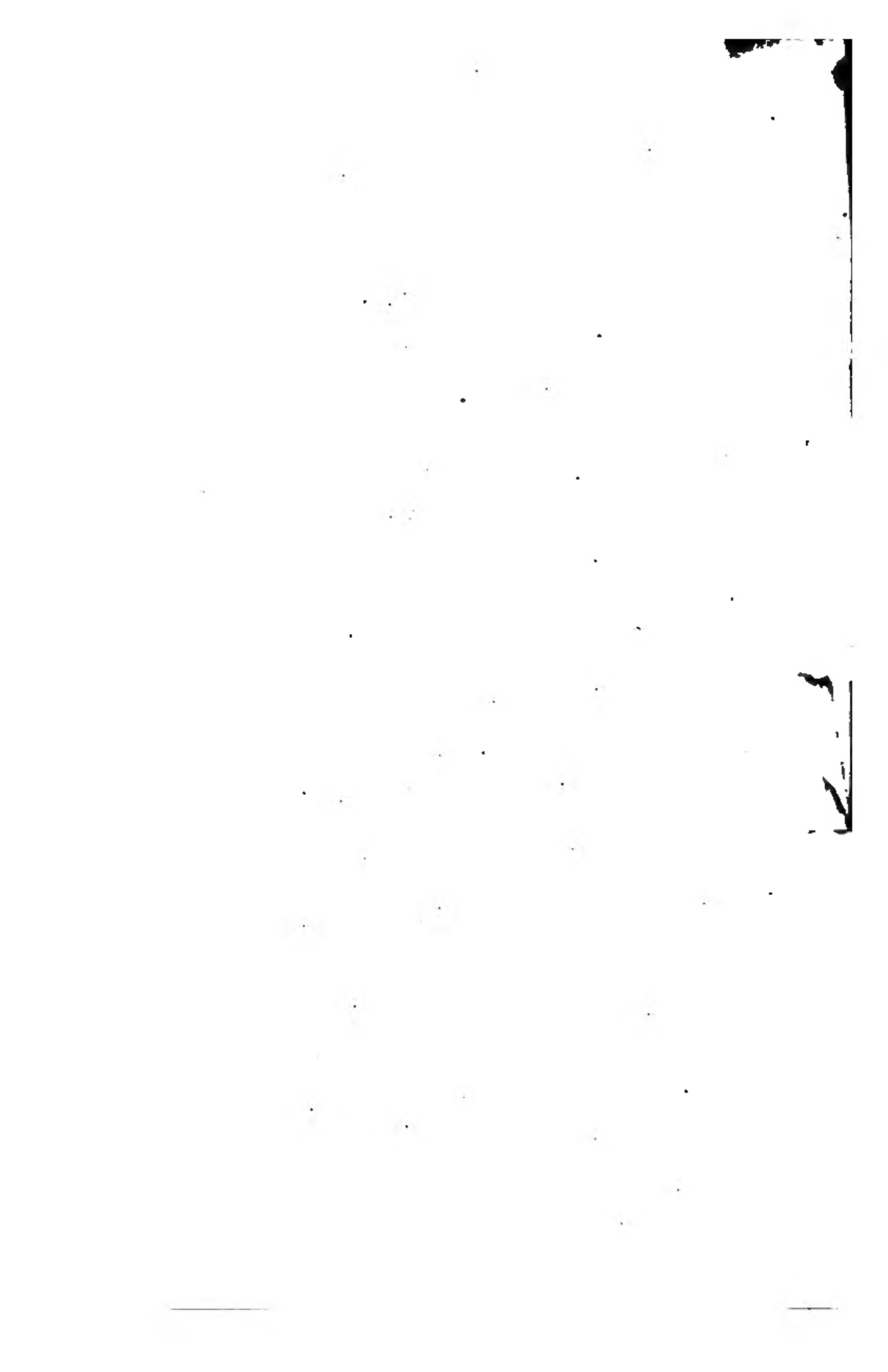
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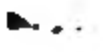
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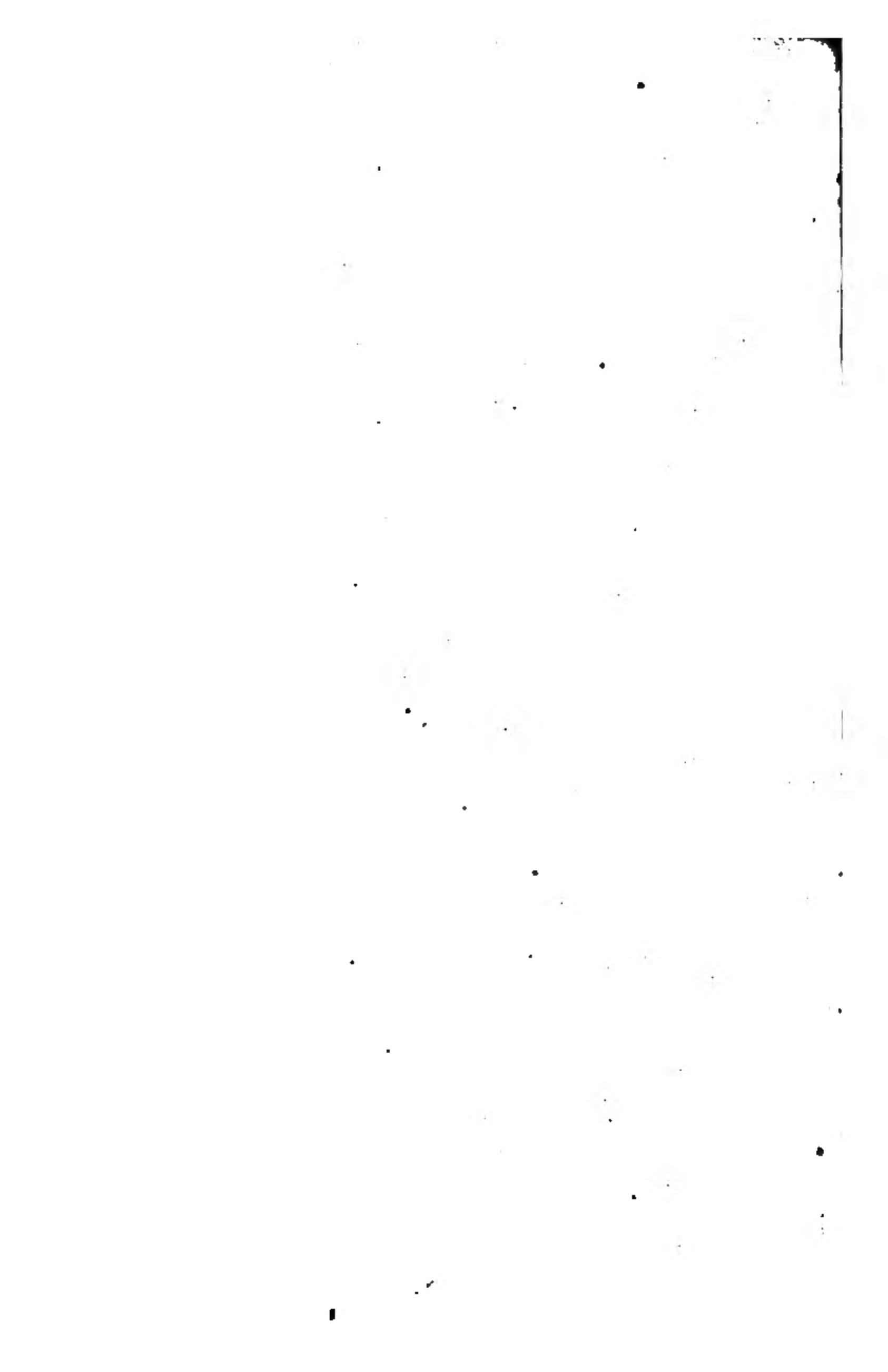
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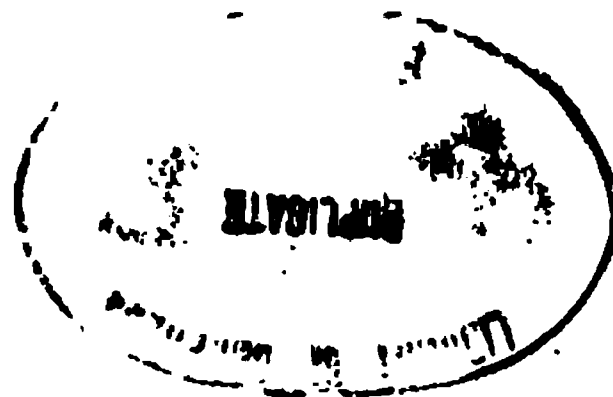
OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

OF THE

FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE



STATE OF ILLINOIS,

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Illinois, the first session of the fourteenth General Assembly of the said State, commenced at the City of Springfield, on Monday the second day of December, A. D. 1844.

Mr. PARRISH called the House to order, and on his motion, Mr. ARNOLD of Cook, was appointed Speaker, pro tem., Wm. LEE D. EWING, appointed Clerk, pro tem., and W. J. TAYLOR, Assistant Clerk, pro tem.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

THOMAS EVANS was appointed Door-keeper, pro tem.

On motion of Mr. Sharp,

MATTHEW STOKES was appointed Assistant Door-keeper, pro tem.

Whereupon,

The following members appeared, were qualified by GEORGE POWER, Esq., and took their seats, viz:

From the county of Cook—HART L. STEWART, ISAAC N. ARNOLD, and FRANCIS C. SHERMAN.

From the county of Lake—H. BUTLER.

From the County of Peoria—LEVI A. HANNAFORD.

From the counties of Du Page, Will, and Iroquois—D. L. GREGG, J. M. WARREN, JACOB WAGNER and A. COLLINS.

From the counties of Kane, McHenry, Boone and De Kalb—WILLIAM M. JACKSON, JAMES S. LOOP and E. G. JEWELL.

From the counties of La Salle, Kendall and Grundy—W. H. W. CUSHMAN, A. O'CONNOR and GEORGE W. ARMSTRONG.

From the counties of Peoria and Fulton—JOHN S. ZEIBER.

From the counties of Peoria, Stark and Bureau—B. M. JACKSON.

From the counties of Stark and Bureau—BENJAMIN L. SMITH.

From the counties of Marshall and Putnam—JACOB C. MORRILLE.

From the counties of Tazewell and Woodford—CHARLES C. WILCOX and ISAAC WILLIAMS.

From the county of Jo Daviess—CYRUS ALDRICH.

From the counties of Rock Island and Henry—JOSHUA HARPER.

From the counties of Whiteside and Lee—W. S. WILKINSON.

From the county of Winnebago—ANSON S. MILLER.

From the county of Schuyler—JOHN BROWN.

From the county of Brown—IRAM NYE.

Smith of Sangamon, Strong, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams, Yates, and Youngkin.

Mr. Richardson having received a majority of all the votes polled, was declared duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois.

Messrs. Parrish and Manning conducted Mr. Richardson to the Chair; when, having returned his thanks to the House, he entered upon the duties of his office.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The House proceeded to the election of chief Clerk.

Mr. Gregg nominated Newton Cloud.

Mr. Churchill nominated Andrew Johnson.

Mr. Cloud received seventy-eight votes, and Mr. Johnson received thirty-four votes.

Those voting for Mr. Cloud, are as follows, viz:

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hannaford, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Manning, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Richardson, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnell, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Yates and Zeiber.

Those voting for Mr. Johnson, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Barnsback, Churchill, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hanson, Henderson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Herndon, Huffman, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrison, Myers, Pickering, Randolph, Rawlings, Smith of Sangamon, Strong, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams and Youngkin.

Mr. Cloud having received a majority of all the votes polled, was declared duly elected principal Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The House then proceeded to the election of an Assistant Clerk.

Mr. Funkhouser nominated John McDonald.

Mr. Henderson nominated Cornelius Voorhes.

When Mr. McDonald received seventy-five votes, and Mr. Voorhes received thirty-four votes.

Those voting for Mr. McDonald, are as follows, viz:

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hannaford, Henderson, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Manning, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morrille,

Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Richardson, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnell, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, and Zeiber.

Those voting for Mr. Voorhes, are

Messrs. Arenz, Churchill, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Herndon, Henderson, Huffman, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrison, Myers, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Smith of Sangamon, Strong, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams, Yates and Youngkin.

Whereupon,

Mr. McDonald having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The House then proceeded to the election of a Door-keeper.

Mr. Hicks nominated Jarvis Pierce.

Mr. Logan nominated Joseph Insly.

When Mr. Pierce received seventy-six votes, and Mr. Insly received thirty-four votes.

Those voting for Mr. Pierce, are as follows, viz:

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hannaford, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Manning, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Nye, O'Conner, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Richardson, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnell, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, and Zeiber.

Those voting for Mr. Insly, are,

Messrs. Arenz, Barnsback, Churchill, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Henderson, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Herndon, Huffman, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Myers, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Smith of Sangamon, Strong, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams, Yates and Youngkin.

Whereupon,

Mr. Pierce having received a majority of all the votes polled, was declared duly elected Door-keeper of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The House then proceeded to the election of an Assistant Door-keeper.

Mr. Wood nominated Jefferson Weatherford.

Mr. Logan moved that the vote be taken viva voce.

Whereupon,

The vote being taken, Mr. Weatherford was declared duly elected Assistant Door-keeper.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that they have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have met and organized, have elected Merritt L. Covell their Secretary, William C. Murphy their Sergeant-at-arms, Noah Johnson their Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk, and are now ready to proceed to Legislative business.

On motion of Mr. Sharp,

Resolved, That the Clerk inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives has met and organized by the election of William A. Richardson. Speaker, Newton Cloud, Principal, and John McDonald, Assistant Clerk; Jarvis Pierce, Principal, and Jefferson Weatherford, Assistant Door-keepers, and are prepared to proceed to Legislative business.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That a joint select committee of five—three on the part of the House of Representatives, and two on the part of the Senate be appointed to wait on His Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the two Houses of the General Assembly have met and organized, and are now ready to receive any communication he may desire to make.

Messrs. Gregg, Benedict and Parrish, were appointed as such committee on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

Resolved, That the Editors of newspapers in this State, or their reporters, be admitted within the bar of this House, to such seats as may be assigned them by the Speaker, for the purpose of reporting the proceedings of the same.

Mr. Lockard moved the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the Secretary of State be directed to deliver to any member of the General Assembly, any book or work which he may desire from the Library of the State, on his application therefor, and that the Secretary keep a book in which the name of the member and the book or work taken shall be entered.

Resolved, That any member so taking a book or work from the Library shall be held responsible for the same, and in case the same shall be lost, the value or cost thereof shall be deducted from the pay of the member, and no book or work shall be retained for a longer period than one week, except the Journals of the Legislature and the Statutes of the State.

In which they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Thompson moved to amend said Resolutions by making the penalty double the value of the book or work lost or retained.

When, on motion of Mr. Gregg,

The resolutions and proposed amendments were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Sharp,

Resolved, That the rules of the last House of Representatives be adopted as the rules of this, until the present House may adopt other regulations.

When, on motion, the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1844.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the joint rules of the two Houses of the last General Assembly be adopted as the joint rules of the two houses of the present General Assembly, until otherwise ordered.

Mr. Brinkley offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the two Houses of the General Assembly will meet in the hall of the House of Representatives on Saturday, the 7th inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing a Senator to the Congress of the United States of America, to fill the vacancy of Senator McRoberts, deceased.

Mr. Hicks moved to lay the resolution on the table; which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to prepare and report rules for the government of this House during the present session of the General Assembly.

Ordered, That Messrs. Parrish, Whiteside, Logan, Hicks, Starkweather, Dunbar and Cushman, be that committee.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the House do now proceed to the election of an Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Brinkley moved to amend the same, by inserting an Assistant Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk.

Mr. Arnold moved to lay the amendment on the table; which was agreed to.

The resolution was then adopted.

The House then proceeded to the election of an Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, nominated Finney D. Preston; when,

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The vote was taken *by acclamation*, and Mr. Preston was declared duly elected.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Prickett.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in the adoption of a resolution having for its object the appointment of a joint select committee to wait on the Governor, &c., and have appointed Messrs. Cavarly and Parker the committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Hicks offered the following resolution, which was not agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That we will elect an Assistant Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk, who shall be employed from the first Monday of January, A. D. 1845, if it is then considered necessary.

Mr. Gregg, from the joint select committee appointed to wait upon the Governor, and inform him of the organization of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and that they are ready to receive any communication he may desire to make, reported that they have waited upon his Excel-

lency, and received an answer that he will send a message to each of the two Houses, to-day, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Sangamon,

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That the Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk shall not appoint any assistant until otherwise ordered by the House.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley.

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That the members calling for the yeas and nays shall in all cases be spread upon the journals of this House.

On motion of Mr. Sharp,

Resolved, That the hall of Representatives be offered to the use of the Washingtonian Temperance Society this evening at 7 o'clock.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Campbell, Secretary of State.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to lay before the House of Representatives a communication in writing.

Whereupon,

The Speaker laid before the House the following message from his Excellency, the Governor.

*Fellow-Citizens of the Senate,
and House of Representatives:*

It is with pleasure, that I again meet the representatives of the people, to consult for the welfare of our common constituents; and I am happy to announce to them, that it has pleased an all-wise Providence to continue to us, as a nation, the blessings of peace at home and abroad; the enjoyment of liberty, property, and happiness, secured to us by our venerated republican institutions; and in our own State, an ample sufficiency of the fruits of the earth for general comfort.

If there be any thing, to detract from the brightness of the picture which might be presented of individual and general prosperity, it is, that for the last two seasons, the crops have not been so abundant as usual; considerable amounts of property have been destroyed by high waters, the prevalent sickness has been severer than common the present year; and the people are oppressed with the apprehension of evil from the magnitude of the State debt; but with these abatements, our condition, as a people, might be advantageously compared, with that of many other nations of the earth, whose starving and overwrought inhabitants are suffering from hunger, war, pestilence, famine, or unprofitable toil; and last, though not least, from the oppression of arbitrary and unequal laws, which crush one portion, and that the largest of the people, to make them subservient to a favored few. Indeed, if discontent and repining, should exist amongst us, they could not spring from a state of actual want, but rather from the lack of those superfluities and luxuries, which are less necessary to a comfortable existence, than to please a corrupted imagination.

Since the adjournment of the last General Assembly, the pecuniary affairs of the people, have improved in the most satisfactory manner. The immense amount of private debt, contracted in consequence of an unsound and redundant paper circulation, has been mostly liquidated. A depreciated currency, then universally prevalent, has been withdrawn;

and gold and silver, and the paper of solvent banks have been substituted in its place. Indeed, it is highly satisfactory to observe the great amount of the precious metals, which has been added to the general circulation; thereby giving stability to the currency, and a security to the value of property and labor, unknown for many years before. The exchanges have never been so well regulated in the palmiest days of the United States' Bank; and this result has been brought about by the natural laws of trade, unimpeded by mischievous legislation.

The several acts, putting our local Banks into liquidation, by removing an artificial and mischievous system of currency, have greatly contributed to these results. The great scarcity of money, which was experienced at first, promoted economy in private life. It abolished the system of private credit, which had prevailed to the ruin of thousands, under an expanded paper circulation. These acts also caused the banks to disgorge their specie, which for many years before, had been withheld from the business of the country. And, more than all, these acts have demonstrated to the people, that a currency which is depreciated may be withdrawn from circulation, and a sound one substituted, not only without inconvenience, but with general benefit to all. They have also demonstrated the grand truths, which have been doubted by many, that banks are wholly unnecessary to supply a local currency; that money, will in the main, exist and circulate in every country, in proportion to its exchangeable property; and that local banks, in fact, impede the equalization of the currency, and manifestly tend to derange the exchanges.

Whether local banks, are necessary and expedient, in highly commercial countries, where they can be managed with integrity and ability, and where strict punctuality in the payment of debts, prevails amongst all classes of people, is a question which I do not propose to discuss. But if former experience is to be any guide for the future, we must be satisfied, that we in the State of Illinois, are better without them than with them.

We tried the system, under our Territorial Government. It was a failure. In 1821, we tried a State Bank, under the management of officers appointed by the legislature. It resulted in a loss to the State of about one hundred thousand dollars; and for the space of four or five years the depreciated paper of that Bank supplied our circulation to the exclusion of all other money. We tried the experiment again in 1835, by chartering the late banks, with no better success. And we ought now, to be satisfied, that without a greater and more general punctuality, in the payment of private debts, it will ever be impossible to administer the affairs of a bank with safety to the people. If the debtors and customers of the bank do not pay, it will be impossible for any institution, with the wisest management to maintain specie payments for any great length of time. It is perhaps unnecessary to discuss the subject further. The people of the State have become so thoroughly satisfied of the evils of the system, that if we obey the will of our common constituents, no effort will be made to re-charter any of the existing banks, nor to create new ones.

It will be proper that the representatives of the people should make a thorough examination into the state of these banks, and if they have violated any of the provisions of existing law, apply such remedy as may be needful; if their affairs have been managed prudently and honestly,

suffer them to wind up and go quietly out of existence, according to the terms of the acts providing for putting them into liquidation.

The State property, directed to be sold, by the "Act to provide for the sale of public property, and the payment of the public debt, approved March 4, 1843," has all been appraised, advertised, and offered for sale, according to the provisions of that act.

Sales were not effected so readily as was anticipated. The railroad from Springfield to Meredosia, remains undisposed of, and without more repairs than I can recommend to be made on it, at the expense of the State, must become useless in a few years. I submit to the wisdom of the General Assembly, in case it cannot be sold during the session, to devise some mode of disposing of it, so as to continue its use to the country. Of the two hundred and ten thousand acres of land, donated by Congress, under the distribution law; and the forty-two thousand acres, purchased by the State, under the provisions of the law to establish a system of internal improvements, only seventeen thousand six hundred and twenty-four acres, and ninety-seven hundredths of an acre, have been sold, up to November 11th, 1844. These lands were mostly sold to persons who were, or intended to be, actual settlers; and produced the sum of sixty-five thousand thirty-one dollars and twenty-seven cents, principal and interest, in internal improvement bonds and scrip. A general account of the sales of this and other property will be furnished to the General Assembly.

At the time this law was passed, the scrip and bonds of this State were selling in the market at the rate of about eighteen cents on the dollar. Soon after the adjournment of the last General Assembly, the bonds of the State, rose in price to be worth from forty to forty-six cents on the dollar; which, I have no doubt, was the true cause why no more of the public property was sold. Whether it would be better to continue the sale of these lands, and thereby continue a faint effort to extinguish a portion of the public debt; or whether it would be better to hold them up from sale, until the settlement and improvement of the country shall create a greater demand for them, and enhance their value; are questions which I submit to be determined by the legislature.

On the one hand, if these lands are continued subject to sale, the people who want them for settlement, may be accommodated, the settlement of the country may be promoted, and they would, the sooner become taxable. On the other hand, if the price of bonds should fall, these lands may all be purchased up on speculation; and if they should be withdrawn from the market I have no hesitation in believing that they will increase in value much faster than the State debt will increase by the accumulation of interest, on such part of it, as these lands will extinguish, at present prices.

There has been no revision, or republication of the general statute laws of the State, since the year 1833. Since that time one-third of the State, which was then a wilderness, has been populated. This portion of the people has never been supplied with the statutes, and in many of the older counties the copies of the revision of 1833, are becoming scarce, and almost out of print. There is, perhaps, nothing more imperatively demanded of the legislature than a thorough revision and republication of the statute laws. Most of the standard laws, I apprehend, will require but little revision. They were drawn by the judges of the supreme

court, with great care, and are as near perfection as they could probably be brought during the hurry of a session of the legislature. There are, however, occasional laws passed since, which might be amended with advantage; and such amendments would seem to be required before a general republication shall be authorized.

In pursuance of authority granted to me by the latter part of the 21st section of an act entitled "An act to provide for the completion of the Illinois and Michigan canal, and for the payment of the canal debt," I appointed Michael Ryan and Charles Oakley, commissioners on the part of the State, to proceed to the Eastern cities, and to Europe, with instructions to open a negotiation with the holders of Illinois bonds; and authorized them to pledge the canal, canal lands, and other property pertaining to the canal fund, for a further advance of one million six hundred thousand dollars to complete the canal; and I, also, advanced to each of them, to defray their expenses, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, from the moneys received by me from the United States, under the act of Congress, entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, and to grant pre-emption rights," this being the only money, at the time belonging to the State, and there being a sufficiency besides, to pay the entire interest on the school fund due, for the year 1842.

At one time great hopes were entertained of a successful negotiation. The bondholders in Europe and America agreed to advance the sum of four hundred thousand dollars, to be expended on the canal in the year 1844, upon certain conditions. One of which was, that it should be proved by the examination of competent agents, to be appointed by them, that the representations made by Messrs. Oakley and Ryan, in reference to the canal, the amount of the canal debt, and the value of the property proposed to be pledged, should turn out to be correct. Accordingly Governor Davis and Capt. Swift, of the State of Massachusetts, two gentlemen of high standing for integrity and talents, were appointed by the authority of the bondholders, to make the required examination. These gentlemen did make an elaborate examination and report, highly favorable to the statements of Messrs. Oakley and Ryan—and the bondholders themselves acknowledged that all the conditions, on the part of the State, had been complied with. The security offered by the State was found to be sufficient; but owing to some cause, at present unknown to me, the money has not been paid; the subscriptions have not been made up, and the negotiation may possibly fail.

Great hopes were entertained, that by means of this law, without further pledging the faith of the State, or borrowing any more money, the bondholders would take the canal property and complete the canal. This property honestly belongs to our creditors, for money already advanced. It would, however, be of but little value to them, in the present unfinished condition of the canal. If the law had simply proposed to turn the property over to them in its present condition, without power to finish the canal, I apprehend that we should have done both them and the State the greatest injustice. It was sincerely believed that the provision for finishing the canal, was no less beneficial to them than to us; as it provided for increasing and giving an active value, to the pledge, for the payment of precedent debts.

The probable failure of the negotiations under this law, will leave us in

a condition in regard to the canal, in which it will be easier to foresee the failure, than to predict the success, of any new project.

Some persons have proposed to solicit another donation of land from the General Government; others an appropriation of money direct by Congress, and others again rely upon the distributive share of the State in the proceeds of the public lands. To all which plans there seems to me to be insuperable objections.

The choice lands of the State have already been selected. The 210,000 acres selected in 1842, are better in quality than any which could now be selected. These lands have been in market since April last, on favorable terms, and but few of them have been sold; thus demonstrating, that the sale of such lands is so tardy as to afford but little encouragement to contractors to undertake and progress with the work. The distributive share of the State in the proceeds of the sales of the public lands will be but a small sum at first, compared with the sum demanded for the work, and must necessarily decrease in amount every year as the lands are sold. The sum thus to be raised, if expended directly on the canal, would not complete it in less than sixteen years; and if offered as a security for the payment of interest on a new loan, the very uncertainty of the existence of such a law, being liable at all times to be repealed, or continued at the pleasure of Congress, together with the certainty that the amount to be derived therefrom, must annually diminish, will render the offer of no avail. It cannot be imagined that capitalists would lend money on such security.

There are also objections to a direct appropriation of money, by Congress. It is true that Congress is bound, by compact with the State, to make the National road, and if money could be appropriated to this, and some few other objects of great national importance, such as the Illinois and Michigan canal, harbors on the great Northern lakes, the Mississippi river, and its great tributary streams; if every other portion of the Union would not call for similar and greater appropriations; if no log-rolling should be introduced; if no reckless and extravagant expenditures should be made, merely to secure the local popularity of members of Congress, the principal objections would be obviated. But if there be any thing to be feared, more than another, it is that Congress, some time or other, will enter into a general, wild, and extravagant system of internal improvements, by means of which, if the log-rolling system of some of the States shall be introduced, the General Government, would soon be as much crippled with debt as are those unfortunate States. We may rely upon it that whenever this system shall be again revived in Congress the members there will be as much devoted to its diffusion all over the country, as were, the members of our own legislature. Each one, will desire to do as much for his constituents as he can, not only as an act of patriotic devotion to their interest, but more frequently, to enhance his own popularity. Each one would append his own little neighborhood river or road, and all would be ashamed to return to their constituents without a share in the general scramble.

During the administration of one of our Presidents, a survey was ordered, and a system projected, involving an expenditure of upwards of one hundred millions of dollars. If this had succeeded, it would have been added to, from time to time, until the whole United States would have been as irretrievably ruined as our own State is supposed to be. For-

tunately, however, for the country this most dangerous system was successfully encountered and overthrown by a succeeding administration. I call it dangerous because it manifestly tends to the creation of a large national debt; a debt which, whenever contracted, will prostrate the financial energy, of the whole nation, and throw it manacled and handcuffed, at the mercy of foreign powers.

In forming an opinion on this subject, it is all the time to be remembered, that the confederacy alone, is charged with the war making power, and with the general defence against foreign aggression. The states, separately, cannot make war, nor defend the country. They may be all solvent, but their financial ability, cannot be used for general defence. The common government is our only reliance for this, and if this government, being alone charged with the common defence, is to be crippled and ruined with debt, whether by squandering its revenues, by a distribution of the proceeds of the public lands, by assuming the State debts, or by a ruinous system of internal improvements, we will make ourselves the easy victims of the nations of Europe; and we will be sure to see them, on every occasion of difference, sending their fleets to our coasts, to bombard our cities, and drive us into dishonorable treaties, as they have often done, with the weak government of Mexico, and the imbecile Republics of South America.

We have these instances, and many others of weak nations, as standing examples of what would be done to us by the proud, overbearing and unjust nations of Europe, with whom might constitutes right, if we thus impair the national strength of our country.

It is true that a national debt existed during the last war with Great Britain. We had then, however, the public domain almost unimpaired by previous sales. Many millions of it were granted as military bounties for the enlistment of soldiers, and all of it was pledged for loans to carry on the war. This was a rich and ample resource. It infused power into weakness, and saved a resort to high taxation. Since that time the most valuable of the public lands have been sold, and the sales must necessarily decrease for the future, making it more than ever necessary to abstain from the creation of new debt.

It is also true, that Great Britain has a great national debt, which does not seem to impair her ability to prosecute most extensive wars. But there is a difference between this government and that. Hers is a government of force at home and abroad, sustained by the bayonets of a mercenary soldiery, by which she is enabled to ravish from the mouth of starving poverty, the last morsel of its bread, in the shape of the most odious and extravagant taxes, with which a nation was ever afflicted. Ours is a government of opinion, founded upon the principle of voluntary submission to the laws. We are a free people, who will never submit to such burdens as long as our liberties endure. If we follow the example of England, in the creation of a great national debt, we would be compelled to follow her example in her system of government. For nothing short of a monarchy, sustained by the bayonets of a hireling soldiery, could ever wring such taxes from the free people of these United States.

All of these measures, are liable to the common objection which arises from the uncertainty and dilatory nature of the action of Congress on such subjects, and, upon the whole, I think I may venture to assert that none of them will do to rely on. As for myself, I have no new measure

to propose, but it will afford me great pleasure to concur with the General Assembly in any measure which will really conduce to the accomplishment of this great work.

The subject of common school education must necessarily attract your attention. It is one of the utmost importance to the well being of the people; the due provision for which, is essential to the perpetuity of enlightened republicanism, and absolutely necessary to a proper and just administration of our democratic institutions. No system on this subject has yet been adopted, which has been satisfactory to the people; or which has been executed with efficiency in all parts of the State. But little statistical or other information of the actual operation of existing laws on this subject, has yet been collected to enable the General Assembly to legislate upon it with an enlightened judgment. Some means ought to be adopted, to collect this information; and I can think of none better than the appointment, by your honorable bodies of, an agent, at once faithful and competent to the task; whose duty it would be to travel into every county, and if possible every neighborhood; and by a careful inspection and examination, collect this information for the use of the Legislature; and by lectures and every other means in his power, endeavor to impress upon the people the overwhelming importance of the education of their children. Such an agent ought to be a rare man; endowed with talents, zeal, and discretion of the highest order. Money expended on such an agency, if ably, faithfully and zealously executed, would be approved by the people, as being more for their benefit, than any other appropriation whatever. And if taxed for it, they would feel that they had been taxed for a purpose of the highest utility.

During the last summer serious disturbances occurred in the county of Hancock. The causes and consequences of those disturbances, and the history of the several transactions to which they gave rise, will be laid before you in a special report.

My proceedings as ex-officio Fund Commissioner, in settling, collecting and paying debts due to and from the State, and the general management of the State property, will likewise be laid before you in a special report.

The companies chartered, at the last session to complete the Central railroad and the Northern Cross railroad from Springfield to the eastern boundary of the State, have not as yet complied with any of the terms of the several laws by which they were created.

The act also to settle the account of Macalister and Stebbins has not been complied with by them; and it is now pretty certain that they never had, and never will have the ability to comply with its terms. The bonds which they proposed to return, were not and have not been subject to their control. It will be recollected that these bonds were hypothecated to them, upon which the Fund Commissioner received the sum of two hundred and sixty-one thousand dollars, to pay the semi-annual interest on the State debt, due on the first of July, 1841. These bonds, were immediately re-hypothecated by them, to raise the money advanced to the Fund Commissioner; and have ever since remained beyond their control. The money is due to the holders of the bonds in proportion to their advances. They have not, however, seen proper to present them for payment, according to the terms of the above recited

act; and many of them, have been thrown into the market and sold, from time to time, as other bonds.

The present judiciary system, has been found to be insufficient for the due administration of justice in some parts of the State; and particularly in the county of Cook. The city of Chicago, situate in that county, has so increased in population and business, as to require a court to be in session the greater part of the year. The county of Cook is now the component part of a circuit of seven counties. Chicago is a city of some twelve thousand inhabitants; being situate on Lake Michigan, its business is of the character and importance of a sea-port town; it is the thoroughfare for travelling by land and water, to and from the northern part of this State, the southern part of Wisconsin and a part of Iowa Territory. In such a place, there must be a greater amount of litigation; and a larger number of criminals committed, than could be expected amongst the same number of people, differently situated. And so it is, with all thriving and populous cities. The city of St. Louis, containing less than three times the number of inhabitants, has three courts sitting, nearly all the time for the despatch of business; and the judiciary there, is no more than adequate to the wants of the people. I respectfully recommend the establishment of a separate court in the county of Cook, and city of Chicago, with a jurisdiction concurrent with the circuit court. The present system has operated to the people there, for years past, as almost a denial of justice. Prisoners have suffered long and vexatious imprisonment, before they could be tried for offences, of which they were accused, and the county has been put to an expense in maintaining them, unknown to other counties.

There may be other parts of the State suffering in a somewhat similar way. If so, the fact will be known to the General Assembly, and the evil ought to be removed by the establishment of such additions to the judiciary system, as will meet the wants of the people.

The revenues of the State for the year 1844, are estimated, by the Auditor, at the sum of \$150,000, no part of which has yet been collected. There is also due, for arrearages of previous years, the sum of \$59,304. The probable cost of assessing and collecting, what is now due to the State is estimated at about \$18,000; and of the whole sum now due, amounting to \$209,304, the sum of \$100,000 may be collected and paid in by the first of May next. The revenue will be increased for the years 1845, and 1846, about \$5,000 each year.

On the 31st of October last, there were warrants on the Treasury outstanding to the amount of \$22,882; and on the same day, there was an unexpended balance in the treasury of \$11,733 66.

The sum now on hand, and that due, and expected to be collected, will be scarcely more than sufficient, by the strictest economy, to pay the current expenses of the State Government, the interest on the school fund, and the expenses of this General Assembly.

As to the extraordinary debt of the State, contracted for the canal and other internal improvements, no interest has been paid on it, which has accrued, since the first of July, 1841, and no provision of law, has been made for such payment. The magnitude of this debt, compared with the resources of the State, has been a continual terror to the people. They have lived in expectation of oppressive taxes. The same has been anticipated, by all who would otherwise, emigrate to the State. The popular

vote at the last election, shows that our population has been increased but little, since 1840; and it is a fact too notorious to be concealed, that nothing but the utter impossibility of selling real estate, prevents the rapid decrease of our numbers. The adjacent territories are filling up with inhabitants at our expense. The high and palmy days have departed, when we doubled our population in a few years; when, if a citizen owned more land than he wanted for cultivation, or if he wanted to leave the country, or remove from one part of the State to another, he could sell his land for cash. What has produced this state of things? Has it been high taxes? No. It has been the fear of them only. Is it because, money has been drawn from our pockets, as a tax upon our industry? No. Not one cent has yet been paid by taxation. On the contrary, our taxes, for State purposes, are three times less, than they are in the great and flourishing State of Ohio. Nevertheless, Ohio is advancing to greatness, with unparalleled rapidity; whilst we are paralyzed with the torpid fear of evil only, when no such evil really exists.

The fancies, the fears, the imaginations of men, hang like an incubus, upon our prosperity. The reality, whenever it comes, can never be so terrifying, so alarming, as the undefined and dreamy imaginations of men, conjured up by the mere expectation of an unknown and untried evil.

If something could be done, to define the extent of this evil, to dissipate imaginary terror; and to create a confidence in the public mind, here and all over the world, that justice will be done, and no oppression attempted; we may reasonably look for a return of prosperity. Our own people would pursue their industry with alacrity; and increase their improvements with confidence; strangers from abroad would be attracted to the State, and property would be doubled in value in a very short time. But without something of this kind shall be done, the terrors of the people will drive them away, as fast as they can dispose of their property, and all substantial inhabitants, who might be expected from abroad will avoid us, for some of the territories. Indeed, if we might expect any increase, it would, most likely, be composed of the refuse population of other states: men, who would have every thing to gain and nothing to lose, who, having but little respect for their own private character, would be indifferent to the honor and credit of the place, selected for their residence.

The mere apprehension then of high taxes, and not their actual existence, constitutes our only embarrassment. How necessary, then, is it, that the whole height and depth, length, breadth, and thickness of the apprehended evil should be defined and settled immediately and that forever.

Whatever is done ought to be in conformity to the great principles of natural justice. It ought not to involve a tax which would be oppressive. If a fund shall be established, it ought to be so constituted, as to increase with the future prosperity of the country, and although it might be small at first, a probability ought to appear that, within a reasonable time, it will increase to such an amount, as will answer the purpose intended; it ought to be such a measure, as the people will be satisfied with and cheerfully submit to. It ought to appear, that it will not be made a political hobby hereafter. No antagonist measure or party ought to be arrayed against it. In a word, whatever is done, ought to be a complete and permanent settlement of the question; and it ought to appear that no new

agitation will grow out of it to endanger the measure, as the settled and permanent policy of the country.

In the first place, this question can never be settled by denying the debt. It is too notorious that we have had the money of our creditors, and they have had nothing in return. The sense of the universal world is, and always will be, that we owe them. This is an imperishable fact, which can never be forgotten. The question will always arise at every succeeding session of the legislature. We may deny the debt—we may plead *non est factum* to our bonds; but like the rogue, who seeks to cheat his creditor in private life, we will still owe the money; the benumbing consciousness of which, being registered on our hearts, will stick to us to plague us forever.

The question cannot be settled by asking and receiving a distributive share of the proceeds of the public lands. A fund so constituted will not amount to more than \$50,000 dollars at first; and must annually diminish as the lands are sold. Such a measure would give no confidence that a provision had been made for the ultimate payment of either principal or interest of the debt.

The question cannot be settled by an assumption of the State debts by the United States, without doing as much injustice to some of the States as would be done to our creditors by open and avowed repudiation. Several of the States have no debt to pay, and yet their citizens, equally with ours, would be taxed to pay money which they have never enjoyed or contracted. It would be as honorable and honest, to cheat our creditors out of their interest as to wring it from others, who are under no obligation morally or legally to pay it. A law involving such monstrous injustice can never be passed or sanctioned by the American people.

The truth is we will have to rely on ourselves, upon our own exertions. We contracted the debt ourselves, and ourselves will have to pay it. We need look to no foreign aid. We must make bare our own right arms and come up to the work, appalling as it looks, like men.

This is a subject which has commanded my most anxious attention. I have looked to this session of the General Assembly, and have fondly hoped that the fears of the people, and the blighting influence of an uncertain position, might now be put at rest forever.

It will be impossible to raise money enough by taxation to pay the entire interest; still something may be done. I would not propose a high nor an oppressive tax. I know too well the misfortunes and calamities of the people, to believe that such a tax could be collected. At the last session an increase of taxation was impracticable on account of a total want of money in the country. The same cause still lingers to some extent in some of the interior counties. The partial failure of crops for two years, the sickness of the last season, the floods and high waters in some places, it must be acknowledged, will present obstacles against doing as much as could be desired.

It is hoped, however, that these partial impediments may not be considered insuperable. There is no other practicable mode of settling this great question than by increasing the revenue. The additional burden will not have to be paid until the latter end of the next year, and the beginning of the year following. In the meantime relief might be given to the sufferers by high water, by extending the time for payment of the present taxes, and if the Constitution presented no barrier releasing them

entirely. In a year or so more, by the time such taxes will become due, it is hoped that a total recovery will be wrought in the pecuniary circumstances of the people.

In the year 1827, a portion of the land tax was first given to the counties. They were then universally in debt, and all of them needed an increase of their revenues for the erection of court houses and jails. These have been built long since, and most of the counties could have been free from debt with proper economy. With them a large revenue or a small one would answer the same purpose. A small one would be sufficient, and a large one is squandered to no useful purpose.

This land tax ought to be resumed to the State treasury. Frequent attempts have been made to effect this, but without success. The objection has always been that there was more land taxable in the old than in the new part of the State, and that the measure would be unequal. This objection has now lost its force, and no longer presents obstacles to this measure of true justice and economy.

I would recommend that the additional revenues thus derived, and such additional tax, as the legislature in their wisdom will provide for, be formed into a fund, the proceeds and increase of which shall be sacred, and dedicated to the extinction of a portion, however small at first, of the interest on the public debt.

Whatever we do in this way, ought to have the greatest permanency. There ought to exist no very considerable dissatisfaction in the public mind, and the nearer unanimous we all are upon it, the more permanent the measure would be. We ought to make it known to the whole world, that whatever may be done in this way, is all that ever will or can be done. Thus, by showing our willingness to contribute according to our ability, by making that our permanent policy; not to be added to or subtracted from in future; and by thus setting a limit to the fears and imaginations of men, in relation to the huge phantom of expected taxes, we might reasonably calculate to restore ourselves in the estimation of mankind, turn the tide of emigration again into our country, accompanied by wealth and intelligence. Land, again, would become of some value. There would be a demand for it at once, and our condition would be improved in every respect.

Every man of property in the State, and all have less or more, ought to desire the speedy and permanent settlement of this question. His property is of but little value, whilst the fears and terrors of high taxation prevail on one side, or unblushing, impudent repudiation, stares him in the face, on the other.

May the Supreme ruler of the universe, enlighten our understandings, to see what is best to promote the true interest of our constituents, and nerve our arms and hearts, with the courage to do it.

THOMAS FORD.

Springfield, Dec. 2, 1844.

Which was read.

Mr. Whiteside moved to lay the same on the table, and to print 6000 copies in English and 2000 in German.

Mr. Deskines moved to print 3000 in English.

Mr. Jackson of McHenry, moved to print 8000 in English.

Mr. Gregg moved to print 10,000 in English and 2000 in German.

Mr. Morrison called for a division of the question.

The question was then taken on ordering 10,000 copies of the Governor's message to be printed in English, and agreed to.

The question was then put on ordering 2000 copies to be printed in German, and agreed to. The yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Morrison and Turley, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Manning, Matthews, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—108.

Those who voted in the negative, are.

Messrs. Davis of Williamson, Fletcher, Harriott, Herndon, Metz and White of Scott.—6.

Mr. Denning gave notice that he should, on to-morrow, or some other day, ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for the permanent location of the county seat of Alexander.

On motion,

The House then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1841.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

L. W. Ross, a Representative from the county of Fulton, appeared, was qualified, and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Miller, of Winnebago,

Resolved, By the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That Henry Smith, who appears as a Representative from the counties of Carroll and Stephenson, be sworn, and admitted to a seat in this House.

Whereupon,

Mr. Smith of Stephenson, was qualified, and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

Resolved, That when the House adjourn, it will adjourn for the day, in order that the Electoral College of the State of Illinois may meet in the hall of the House of Representatives, to vote for President and Vice President of the United States.

Mr. Robbins proposed for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House, that the Congress of the United States ought to make appropriations for the relief of the inhabitants of the Mississippi valley, who have suffered by the late high flood.

Resolved, by the House of Representatives the Senate concurring herein, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives earnestly requested, to use their exertions to procure the passage of a law having for its object the relief of citizens who have suffered by the said flood; and that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded as soon as practicable to our delegation in Congress.

On the question, shall said resolutions be adopted, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Reed, member from the counties of Richland and Lawrence, appeared, was qualified, and took his seat.

Mr. Logan, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to regulate mortgages on personal property;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Logan, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to declare and establish the law in relation to garnishees on assignable instruments;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Boyakin, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to amend the act entitled "An act relative to criminal jurisprudence;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Sharp, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act in relation to criminal jurisprudence;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Prickett.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate, to inform the House of Representatives, that they have concurred with them in the passage of a resolution having for its object the adoption of the joint rules of the last session of the General Assembly, as the rules of the present session until otherwise ordered.

Mr. Boyakin, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to provide for equal taxation;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Logan moved that the rule of the House be dispensed with, and the bill be now read a second time by its title; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That after the adjournment of this House on each day, the use of the Hall shall be reserved expressly for the use and accommodation of the respective committees in the prosecution of their legislative business, and for no other purpose, unless otherwise ordered by the House.

Mr. Smith of Sangamon, moved to lay the resolution on the table; which was not agreed to.

The resolution was then adopted.

On motion,
The House then adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1844.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following standing committees, viz:

On the Judiciary—Messrs. Manning, Benedict, Logan, Janney, Strong, Yates, Boyakin, Lott and Denning.

On Finance—Messrs. Gregg, Arnold, Cushman, Ross, Churchill, Harper, Starne, Whiteside and Zieber.

On Elections—Messrs. Thompson, Moore, Myers, Babbitt, Henderson, Hicks, Deskines, Wood and Loop.

On the Militia—Messrs. Stewart, Cox, Campbell, Davis of Williamson, Randolph, Rawlings, Hick, Williams and Reed.

On Internal Improvements—Messrs. Hicks, Pickering, Kuykendall, Vedder, Wagner, Matthews, Morris, Turley and Metz.

On Education—Messrs. Hannaford, Logan, Brinkley, Morrison, Davis of McLean, Sherman, Cushman, Starkweather and Woollard.

On Salines—Messrs. Hick, Starne, Cochran, Emerson, Oglesby, Youngkin, Sharp, Sexton and Huffman.

On Public Accounts and Expenditures—Messrs. Whiteside, Lott, Turley, Dunbar, Tunnel, Arenz, Wilkinson, White of Washington and Funkhouser.

On the Penitentiary—Messrs. McDonald, White of Washington, Scott of DeWitt, Scott of Macoupin, Nye, Barnsback, Harriott, Anderson of St. Clair and White of Scott.

On the Canal and Canal Lands—Messrs. Arnold, Butler, Jewell, Morrille, Sharp, Dunbar, Miller of Winnebago, Stewart and Smith of Bureau.

On Manufactures and Agriculture—Messrs. Fletcher, Pratt, Burnett, Ricks, Aldrich, Oglesby, Haley, Vineyard and Tunnel.

On Claims—Messrs. Parrish, Brown, Funkhouser, Armstrong, Hendry, Hardie, Haley, Vineyard and Jackson of McHenry.

On Public Buildings and Grounds—Messrs. Bradley, Pratt, Adams, Smith of Sangamon, Cochran, Scott of De Witt, Smith of Stevenson, Steele and White of Menard.

On State Roads—Messrs. Miller of Fulton, Hanson, Jackson of McHenry, Leighton, Lockard, Sexton, Davis of Williamson, Brinkley and Collins.

On Counties—Messrs. Blair, Backenstos, Alexander, Kirkpatrick, Jackson of Stark, Warren, O'Connor, Hitt, Prevo, Robbins and Hanson.

On Banks and Corporations—Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Berry, Benedict, Collins, Wilcox, Woodburn, Pitner, Miller of Adams and Herndon.

On Engrossed Bills—Messrs. Ross, Nye, Aldrich, Starkweather, Loop and Kuykendall.

Mr. Bradley presented the petition of John Barrow and others, praying for the passage of a special act authorising the sale of certain lands described therein; which was read, and on his motion, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ross presented the petition of sundry citizens of Fulton county,

praying for an alteration in the road law which was read, and on his motion, referred to the Committee on Public Roads.

Mr. Denning presented the petition of sundry citizens of Alexander county, praying for the removal of the county seat of said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on counties.

Mr. Thompson offered the following preamble and resolution, viz:

Whereas: Doubts do exist in regard to the law authorising the School Commissioner to pay out money; whether he can according to law, pay out money for schools taught in different language from the English; and as suits are now pending in regard to that question, and as it is necessary for the well being of the inhabitants, that that question should be settled: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Education be instructed to report a bill explanatory of the words "Common School," which occur in the fourth division and forty-fourth section and fourth line, in the school law, organising and maintaining common schools, approved February the 26th, 1841.

Mr. Smith of Sangamon, moved to lay the same on the table; which was not agreed to, when

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

Said preamble and resolution were referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Robbins offered the following preamble and resolution, viz:

Whereas: In the opinion of this House, the object of all governments is the prosperity and happiness of the individuals composing such governments:

And whereas: the government of the United States is such that, in a federate capacity, it is able to extend relief to such citizens of the several States as may suffer by uncommon providential calamity, and, as a precedent, did relieve the citizens of New Madrid, who suffered by the earthquake that happened in the year 1812:

And whereas: the late high flood is the greatest providential calamity that ever happened to any of the people of these United States, having laid waste, and rendered utterly useless the plantations of a great number of the citizens of this State, destroyed their dwellings, their provisions and other personal property, and left them destitute of the means of subsistence: Therefore,

Resolved, By the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That a joint committee of three on the part of the House, and of two on the part of the Senate, be appointed to draw up a memorial to be presented to Congress, praying Congress to extend relief to such inhabitants as have suffered by the late Mississippi and Illinois flood.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The preamble and resolution were referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Adams,

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives be requested to invite the Clergymen of the City of Springfield to offer morning prayers at the meeting of the House, once on each day of the present session of the General Assembly.

Mr. Deskines offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the members of the Senate will meet the members of the House, in the Hall of Representatives on Wednesday the 11th inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing a United States Senator, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge McRoberts. Also, to elect three Judges of the Supreme Court of Illinois; one to fill the vacancy of Judge Semple, resigned; one to fill the vacancy of Judge Douglass, resigned; and one to fill the vacancy of of Judge Robinson, deceased.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The resolution was amended by striking out the clause providing for the election of Judges.

The resolution, as amended, was then agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Nye and Boyakin, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Blair, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Davis of M'Lean, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Huffman, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Pickering, Pratt, Reed, Randolph, Robbins, Scott of DeWitt, Scott of Macoupin, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Yates and Youngkin—73.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Burnett, Butler, Campbell Cushman, Collins, Davis of Williamson, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hannaford, Hendry, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Miller of Fulton, O'Connor, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Rawlings, Ricks, Ross, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Stewart, Wagner, Warren, Wilkinson, Zieber and Mr. Speaker—41.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to report to this House, as soon as practicable, whether he has yet contracted for the binding of the present session of the General Assembly, consisting of reports, laws and journals, and also of the revised laws, in pursuance of an act of the last General Assembly. If so, with whom, and when the contract was made; and that he submit a copy of the contract. That he report whether the contract was let to the lowest responsible bidder. That he also report whether he has refused to receive proposals for said binding from any person; and if so, why.

On motion of Mr. Sherman,

Resolved, That the Door-keeper be instructed by the House, to procure screens, and cause them to be placed so as to protect those members that sit near the stoves, from the heat thereof.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be instructed to enquire of the Secretary of State, whether the sum of fifty thousand dollars, or any part thereof, has been paid by the citizens of

Springfield for the erection of the State House, as provided by an act of the General Assembly for the years 1836-7; and to report by bill or otherwise to this House.

Mr. Nye offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the standing hour of adjournment for this House shall be nine o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

Said resolution was laid on the table, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Nye and Thompson, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Bradley, Brinkley, Butler, Churchill, Cox, Deskines, Gregg, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Kuykendall, Leighton, Logan, Loop, McDonald, Manning, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, O'Connor, Parrish, Pickering, Pratt, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Ross, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Tunnel, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Scott, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Woollard, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber—67.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Backenstos, Boyakin, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cushman, Davis of M'Lean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Fupkhouser, Haley, Hannaford, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Huffman, Jewell, Lockard, Lott, Matthews, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Robbins, Scott of DeWitt, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, Warren, White of Menard, Williams, Wood, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker—48.

Mr. Morrison offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the members of this General Assembly, impressed with the necessity of economy in the public expenditures, and willing to set the example in their own persons, will receive three dollars per diem pay, until the first day of February next, unless the General Assembly shall sooner adjourn; and for every day thereafter, during the present session of the Legislature, the sum of two dollars per day.

Mr. Nye moved to amend the same, by striking out "three dollars," and inserting "two dollars."

Mr. Gregg moved to lay the resolution and the amendment on the table; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Deskines and Thompson, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Butler, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Gregg, Hannaford, Hanson, Harper, Hick, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Manning, Matthews, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, O'Connor, Parrish, Pickering, Pratt, Rawlings, Ross, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Tunnel, Turley, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Woodburn, Youngkin and Zieber—50.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Haley, Hardie, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hicks, Huffman, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Metz, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Ricks, Reed, Robbins, Scott of DeWitt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Thompson, Vedder, Vineyard, White, of Washington, Whiteside, Williams, Woollard, Wood, Yates and Mr. Speaker—65.

Mr. Pickering moved to amend Mr. Nye's proposed amendment, by adding thereto the following:

Resolved, Further, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire and report to this House at an early day, whether there are any certain means already provided in the Treasury of this State, to make any cash per diem payment to the members of the present General Assembly, and what amount thereof?

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The resolution, together with the proposed amendments, were indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Boyakin offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, *By the General Assembly of the State of Illinois*, That it be recommended to the Electors of this State at the next general election for members of the General Assembly, to vote for or against a Convention to amend the Constitution of this State. On his further motion said resolution was laid on the table.

On motion,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Bills of the following titles were severally read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill for "An act to regulate Mortgages on personal property."

A Bill for "An act to amend an act entitled an act relative to criminal Jurisprudence."

A Bill for "An act to declare and establish the law in relation to garnishees on assignable instruments."

A bill for "An act in relation to criminal Jurisprudence," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act entitled an act to provide for equal taxation," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A communication from the Governor, by Thompson Campbell, Esq., Secretary of State.

described; which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Huffman presented the petition of Thomas Short, formerly collector of the revenue of Vermilion county, praying for the refunding of certain moneys therein mentioned, which was read, and, on his motion, referred, together with the accompanying documents, to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Janney presented the petition of certain citizens of the counties of Jasper, Cumberland and Clark, praying for the location of a State road therein mentioned; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Manning presented the petition of the inhabitants of township twelve north, range four east, praying for their re-appraisement of the sixteenth section in said township; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Arnold presented the petition of A. S. Sherman and others, praying for the relief of John Walsh; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of Charles M. Dobson and thirty-six others, citizens of Schuyler county, praying a change in the militia laws of the State; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the Militia.

On motion of Mr. Sharp,

Leave of absence was granted to the Assistant Door-keeper until Monday next, and Mr. Stokes appointed to serve in his place.

Mr. Parrish from the select committee appointed to report rules for the government of the House, reported the rules of the last House of Representatives, with amendments; which were read, when

Mr. Gregg moved to amend the proposed amendments of the committee, by inserting the following as an additional rule, which was not agreed to, viz:

“**RULE**—All bills of a general character reported from committees shall be printed for the use of the House.”

Mr. Boyakin moved to amend the proposed amendments of the committee by adding the following; which was not agreed to, viz:

“That the hour of adjournment on each day shall be nine o'clock, A. M.”

The proposed amendments of the committee were then concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the Governor be requested to report to this House without delay, whether he has complied with a joint resolution of both Houses of the last General Assembly requiring him to procure all the engraved plates belonging to the State of Illinois, to be defaced or destroyed.

On motion of Mr. Nye,

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to Education, be referred to the Committee on Education; so much as relates to a general revision of the laws of the State, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to consider and report on the expediency of said revision as early as practicable; so much as relates to courts of Justice, to the Committee on the Judiciary; so much as relates to the Canal and Canal lands, be referred to the Committee on Canals and Canal

lands; and so much as relates to Banks, to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Starkweather proposed for adoption the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Retrenchment be instructed, and they are hereby required to take into consideration all salaries and fees now received by any and all persons acting under the Constitution and laws of this State, over which this Legislature has control, and that they ascertain whether any, and if any, what reduction should be made in any or all of those salaries and fees; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Which, on his motion, was laid on the table.

Mr. Cochran proposed for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the clergy who wait upon this House for the purpose of performing morning service, be requested to commence the same at half past nine o'clock, A. M., or at such other time as will not interfere with the Legislative business of this House.

Resolved, That no money shall be paid out of the State Treasury by way of compensation for any such services.

Mr. Collins called for a division of the question, so as to take the question first on the first resolution. When,

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The resolutions were laid on the table by yeas and nays as follows: viz:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Alexander, Armstrong, Arnold, Barnsback, Blair, Brinkley, Campbell, Churchill, Cox, Cushman, Denning, Deskines, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Huffman, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Leighton, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Myers, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Ricks, Reed, Ross, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Tunnel, Vedler, Vineyard, Wagner, White of McNard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard, Woodburn, Yates and Zieber.—75.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Cochran, Collins, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Kuykendall, Lockard, Morrison, Nye, Pitner, Prevo, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Thompson, Turley, Warren, White of Washington, Wood and Mr. Speaker.—38.

Mr. Huffman proposed for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Auditor of Public Accounts be requested to report to this House, at his earliest convenience a full statement of all the property, real, personal, and mixed, which the Governor of this State had appraised in compliance with the provisions of "An act to provide for the sale of the public property and the payment of the State debt," approved March 4th, 1843, together with a statement of the amount of said property sold, to whom sold, for what amount sold, and for what kind of pay, whether in State indebtedness or otherwise; Also, if in his power, to report

the cost to the State attending the carrying the above named act into effect. Also, at what point or points in the State the unsold property, if any, may be found.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Starne,

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the Auditor of Public Accounts be requested to furnish this House with the amount paid assessors for assessing the property for the years of 1843, and 1844.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, Complaints are being made by settlers in regard to their property being destroyed by travellers on public highways, such as fencing, timber, fruit, grain, &c. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to examine, and if our laws be insufficient for the protection of such property on highways and elsewhere, that they report a bill covering such cases. And further, to take into consideration the case of insolvent persons trespassing upon lands.

On motion of Mr. Morris,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of passing an act confining Magistrates and Constables to their respective districts, in all civil cases.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to enquire into the expediency of levying a poll tax to aid in defraying the expenditures of the State, and in paying in part the interest on the State debt, and report as soon as practicable.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lawrence,

Resolved, That the Door-keeper be instructed to ventilate this Hall by sliding down the upper tier of windows, and raising the lower ones, so as to secure a proper temperature; and that the Door-keeper be instructed to procure and place upon the stoves in this Hall proper evaporating dishes, and to keep the same replenished with water as occasion may require.

Mr. Smith of Sangamon, proposed for adoption the following preamble and resolution, to wit:

WHEREAS, A well ventilated apartment, with a low temperature is necessary to the health of a large deliberative assembly, *and whereas,* the greater proportion of the members of this House have been accustomed to respiration and exercise in the open air, and the sudden change to the high temperature of a badly aired chamber may be highly injurious to their health. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Door-keeper procure a thermometer, and that he endeavor to regulate the temperature of this room to about 60 degrees Fahrenheit, and that during the recess of each day, he have the room well ventilated by raising the windows and opening the doors. Which, on his further motion, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

Resolved, That the Committee on Elections be instructed to enquire into and report to this House by bill or otherwise, the propriety of so amending the laws of this State providing for holding the Presidential and

State elections as that the same shall both be holden on the same day.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to report a bill making it the duty of the collectors of revenue for the State, to make return of the specific funds, (whether Auditor's Warrants or otherwise) in which the same and every part thereof shall have been collected on oath and providing such other guaranties as may seem advisable to the said committee, with a view to prevent the collectors of the State from speculating on the public revenue.

Mr. Miller of Fulton proposed for adoption the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so altering the revenue law as to cause the assessment of the revenue to be made by township and not by county collectors and to provide by law for the election of the same.

Mr. Deskines moved to lay said resolution on the table, which was not agreed to.

The resolution was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That a joint committee of five be appointed, three on the part of the House, and two on the part of the Senate, to examine and ascertain the per cent. levied and collected as taxes for State purposes within the several States of this Union, and report the same to the General Assembly with as little delay as practicable.

Ordered, That Messrs. Stewart, Cushman and Logan, be the Committee on the part of the House, and that the Clerk inform the Senate of the adoption of said resolution and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Blair,

Resolved, That the Committee on State Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill allowing supervisors a reasonable compensation for their services; and also to enquire into the expediency of making them elective by the people.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Resolved, by the House of Representatives the Senate concurring herein, That no person shall be permitted to keep or offer for sale, within the State House, any vinous or spiritous liquors, and that the Door-keeper of the House and Sergeant-at-arms of the Senate take care that this resolution is carried into effect.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

Resolved, That the Committee on elections be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the election laws as to confine each voter to his respective precinct in voting.

Mr. Manning proposed for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of making grand jurors elective by the people. Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Hicks, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to reduce the number of Supreme Judges to four, and for other purposes," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Churchill, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act in addition to the several acts defining the duties of the Public Printer." Which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Lockard, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to authorize James Lawrence and James B. Anderson, to collect certain taxes," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Hardie, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to authorize the commissioners of Mercer county to appropriate certain moneys for the erection of a Court-house;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Davis of Williamson, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act fixing the salary of Governor;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Nye,

That portion of the Governor's message which has not been referred to any committee, was laid on the table.

Mr. Denning, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act entitled an act to amend the several laws apportioning the representation among the several counties in this State;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Haley, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to amend 'An act to regulate the interest of money, approved February 28th, 1833;'" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1844.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Dresser.

Mr. Collins presented the petition of sundry citizens of the county of Will, praying the passage of a law for the benefit of the school fund of township thirty-five, north of range twelve east, in said county; which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Collins presented the petition of the trustees of the school, and other citizens, of township thirty-five, north of range 12 east, in Will county, praying the passage of an act to legalize certain proceedings therein mentioned; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Manning, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act in relation to criminal jurisprudence," reported the same back to the House, and recommended its rejection.

The question was then taken on the engrossment and third reading of the bill and decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Collins,

Resolved, That the Committee on Elections be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the laws prescribing the method of transmitting election returns of the several counties to the Secretary of State

in cases of Presidential elections as to dispense with the employment of messengers.

On motion of Mr. Henderson,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to transmit to this House the amount of money due or paid to persons who may have been employed as expresses in returning the abstracts of votes given in the different counties in this State at the late election for President and Vice President; and also the amount paid or due to persons going as expresses to the electors with the certificates of their election.

On motion of Mr. Tunnel,

Resolved, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law authorising the school commissioners of the several counties in this State to convey property belonging to their respective county school funds, or to townships not incorporated, and also to authorise trustees of incorporated townships to convey property belonging to their respective townships.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law, so that no Judge of the Supreme Court shall be permitted to sit on any case before said Court, which may be brought there by appeal or writ of error from his own decision; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted, viz:

WHEREAS: The Congress of these United States has granted to the State of Illinois, the sixteenth section of each township for the support of common schools; and whereas, in many instances such lands are in part, or in whole unproductive and worthless; and whereas, it is desirable that the school fund of each township should be made as productive as possible, as well for the present as any future generation of children.

Resolved, Therefore, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested to use their best exertions to procure the passage of a law authorising the citizens of each township, when their sixteenth section is unproductive or worthless, in part or in whole, to relinquish it, and select other lands in lieu thereof, belonging to the General Government; the lands so selected to be in each township respectively.

Resolved, That the Governor of the State of Illinois transmit a copy of this preamble and resolutions to each of our members in Congress.

On motion of Mr. Jackson of McHenry,

Resolved, That the Committee on Education be instructed to enquire into the expediency or inexpediency of so amending the common school law, as to provide for the erection of district school houses, by a direct tax on the property in districts where school houses are to be erected; and that they also be requested to inquire into the propriety of so amending the school act as to provide for the distribution of the interest, on township school funds, to the several districts on the first Mondays of April and October in each year.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Resolved, That the use of this Hall, on Monday evening next, be given to the State Temperance Society, for its annual meeting.

On motion of Mr. Lockard,

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the revenue law, as to cause the collectors of the several counties in this State to remain at their respective county seats for the purpose of receiving the revenue during the month of February instead of the month of December; and also, of having the time of paying over the revenue into the State Treasury, extended to the first Monday in June, instead of the first Monday in March.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

Resolved, That the Committee on Education be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the law regulating the interest on school money as to provide that, for all moneys now due, or that shall become due, either for lands purchased or money borrowed, no higher rate of interest than twelve, nor less than six per cent. per annum, shall be charged or received; and that the trustees of the several townships in this State shall be authorised to determine at their discretion, the proper rate of interest for their several townships aforesaid; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the revenue law passed at the last session of the Legislature, that county assessors be required to go to the house of each taxable inhabitant, and assess his property; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Robbins offered the following resolution, which was not agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives, in reading the journal of the previous day, be excused from reading the names of the yea and nay voters, unless otherwise requested by some member of this House.

Mr. Babbitt offered the following resolution, which was not agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report a bill giving to the people of this State the right to change the venue in criminal cases.

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency and propriety of giving to justices of the peace jurisdiction to assess fines against supervisors of public roads, in all cases, for neglect of their duties; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that they have concurred with them in the adoption of a resolution having for its object the election of a United States Senator, on Wednesday the 11th inst., to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge McRoberts.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be requested to inquire into the expediency of so changing the present mode of assessing property so as to have it assessed once only in two years; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Harriott offered the following preamble and resolution, which were not agreed to, viz:

WHEREAS, the present road law operates unequally in its results, causing the poor man, who owns neither farms nor houses, nor receives any benefit directly from the use of roads, to perform as much labor on the roads as the wealthy man: Therefore,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the amount of road labor now required by law to be performed by each individual; and report accordingly.

Mr. Kirkpatrick offered the following preamble and resolution, viz:

WHEREAS: The people of the State of Illinois are greatly embarrassed on account of the general deficiency in crops, the unusual amount of sickness, and the immense destruction of property, caused by the excessive floods, all of which have come upon them the past year: Therefore,

Resolved, That it would be unwise, inexpedient, and oppressive, to increase taxation, either for the purpose of completing the canal or paying the interest on the internal improvement debt.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Said preamble and resolution were referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Loop,

Resolved, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the common school law as to require the election or appointment of a county superintendant of common schools in each county in this State; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Lott,

Resolved, That the Door-keeper be directed to raise the upper sashes of the windows in this Hall to their original places.

Mr. Arcenz offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of applying the amount of interest annually accruing on the College and Seminary funds, for the purpose of educating teachers of Common Schools.

Mr. Brinkley moved to strike out the word "teachers," in said resolution and insert "children;" which was not agreed to.

The resolution was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. Turley,

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That the Committee on Elections be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law laying off each county into three districts, for the purpose of electing one county commissioner from each district; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lawrence,

Resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That our Senators in the Congress of the United States be instructed, and our Representatives be requested to use their best exertions to procure a grant of land from the contiguous land districts to improve the navigation of the Great Wabash river, so far as the same forms the boundary between this State and the State of Indiana; or, in other words, to use their best exertions to procure the passage of a bill now before the House of Represen-

tatives of the United States upon that subject, which was laid over among the unfinished business of the House at the last session.

Resolved, further, That the Governor be requested to forward a certified copy of this resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

On motion of Mr. Butler,

Resolved, That the Committee on State Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law equalizing the road tax.

The Speaker laid before the House, the report of the Auditor of Public Accounts.

Mr. Brinkley moved that the reading of said report be dispensed with, and that it be laid on the table and printed.

Mr. Arnold moved that five hundred copies of said report be printed for the use of this House.

Mr. Morrison moved to amend the motion of Mr. Arnold by substituting the following, viz:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That five hundred copies of the Auditor's report, now upon our table, be printed for the use of the House, and that the Public Printer be paid for setting the type of said report but once, in the printing of the report for the two Houses of the General Assembly.

Mr. Armstrong moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table, which was not agreed to.

The amendment was then concurred in, and the report was laid on the table, and five hundred copies ordered to be printed for the use of the members of the House.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the State Treasurer, the reading of which was,

On motion of Mr. Smith of Sangamon,

Dispensed with, and said report was laid on the table, and five hundred copies ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the Inspectors of the Penitentiary, the reading of which was,

On motion of Mr. Blair,

Dispensed with, and said report was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed for the use of the members of this House.

A bill for "An act to legalize the sale of school lands in Adams county," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Miller of Winnebago,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act to amend the law in relation to descents," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act to change the name of Joseph Carters, to that of Joseph Sullivan," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

Referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill for "An act to change the name of a person therein named," was read the second time.

Mr. Nye moved to refer said bill to a select committee, which was not agreed to, when

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act to regulate the mode of levying executions," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

It was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act to permanently fix the seat of justice of McHenry county," was read the second time, when

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties.

A bill for "An act in relation to common schools in Cass county," was read the second time, when

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

It was referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill for "An act granting to the General Government the right to establish an Armory at Fort Massac," which was read the second time and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill for "An act to authorise James Lawrence and James B. Anderson, to collect certain taxes," was read the second time, when

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

It was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act in addition to the several acts defining the duties of Public Printer," was read the second time, when

Mr. Blair moved the indefinite postponement of its further consideration.

Mr. Churchill moved its reference to the Committee on Finance, when

On motion of Mr. Blair,

It was laid on the table by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Arnold, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Emerson, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hannaford, Hanson, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Jackson, of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, White of Washington, Wilkinson, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Zieber and Mr. Speaker—76.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Babbitt, Barnsback, Brown, Churchill, Cushman, Dunbar, Haley, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Huffman, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Myers, Pickering, Rawlings, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, White of Menard, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Yates and Youngkin.—35.

A bill for "An act to authorise the Commissioners of Mercer county to appropriate certain moneys for the erection of a Court House," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act fixing the salary of Governor," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Bradley,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill for "An act entitled an act to amend the several laws apportioning the representation among the several counties in this State," was read the second time, when

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

It was referred to a select committee.

Ordered, that Messrs. Cochran, Denning and Brinkley, be said committee.

A bill for "An act to reduce the number of Supreme Judges to four, and for other purposes" was read the second time, when

Mr. Hicks moved to refer said bill to the committee of the whole House.

Mr. Lott moved its reference to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Whiteside moved the indefinite postponement of the further consideration of said bill.

Then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1844.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hale.

At the request of Mr. Hicks, he was excused from serving on the Committee on Internal Improvements;

Whereupon,

The Speaker announced Mr. Jackson of McHenry as chairman of said committee.

The Speaker announced the following standing Committee on Retrenchment, viz:

Messrs. Hicks, Armstrong, Collins, Robbins, Cochran, Berry, Alexander, Miller of Winnebago, and Morrison.

Mr. Gregg, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill for "An act making partial appropriations;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was dispensed with, the bill read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title of the bill be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in the passage of said bill.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Campbell, Secretary of State:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to lay before the House of Representatives a communication in writing.

Mr. Whiteside, from the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, reported a bill for "An act to appropriate certain moneys herein named;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Arcenz,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title of the bill be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in the passage of said bill.

Mr. Lott, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act relative to criminal jurisprudence,'" reported the same back to the House and recommended its rejection.

Mr. Robbins moved to amend said bill by striking out the word "death," and inserting "castration;" which was not agreed to.

Mr. Cox moved to amend the bill by inserting the word "slave" after the words "negro" and "mulatto;" which was not agreed to.

Mr. Smith of Sangamon, moved to amend said bill by striking out the words "by death," and inserting "by castration and confinement in the State prison for life;" which was not agreed to.

Mr. Smith of Sangamon, further moved to amend said bill by striking out the words "negro or mulatto," and inserting "any person:" also, by striking out the words "by death," and inserting "be castrated."

The proposed amendment was not agreed to.

The question then recurred on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading; which was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays on the demand of Messrs. Hicks and Boyakin, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Haley, Hanson, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Moore, Morris, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Stephenson, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Washington, Woollard, Wood and Woodburn.—43.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Bradley, Brown, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Gregg, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Leighton, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—70.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the adoption of the resolution of the House, having for its object the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses, to ascertain and report the rate per cent. of taxation for State purposes, within the several States of this Union, as amended by the Senate. In which amendment, I am also directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have also concurred with the House in the adoption of their resolution prohibiting the keeping or offering for sale, within the State House, of any vinous or spiritous liquors.

The Senate have concurred with the House in the passage of a bill entitled "An act to appropriate certain moneys herein named;" and have made an amendment to the enacting clause of the same. In which amendment they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The amendment of the Senate to the House bill, entitled "An act to appropriate certain moneys herein named," was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that they have concurred with the House in the passage of a bill entitled "An act making partial appropriations."

Mr. Hannaford, from the Committee on Education, to which had been referred the bill for "An act in relation to common schools in Cass county," reported the same back to the House with amendments; which were concurred in.

Mr. Gregg moved to amend the bill by striking out the latter clause; which was agreed to; when the bill was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, reported a bill for "An act in relation to the school funds and school lands in the counties of Lawrence, Crawford, Richland, Clay and Jasper;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Herndon offered for adoption the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That this General Assembly adjourn *sine die* on the first Monday of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, or sooner, if practicable.

Mr. Smith of Sangamon, moved to postpone the further consideration of the resolution until the first day of January.

Mr. Collins moved to postpone the further consideration of said resolution until the fourth day of July next; which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures inquire whether the Public Printer has been in the habit of charging more than once for the composition of documents ordered to be printed by one House when the same document is ordered to be printed by the other House. That if such charge is made, said committee inquire whether such charge is proper to be allowed in future. And that said committee report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Boyakin offered the following resolution for adoption, viz:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That a select committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to report to this House, at an early day, resolutions expressive of the sense of this General Assembly on the imprisonment of Governor Dorr of Rhode Island.

Mr. Henderson moved to lay the resolution on the table; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays on the demand of Messrs. Boyakin and Deskines, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Barnsback, Churchill, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Herndon, Henderson, Huffman, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Myers, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams, Yates and Youngkin.—36.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnell, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—76.

Mr. Yates moved to amend the resolution by striking out all after the word "resolved," and inserting the following, viz:

"That it is improper to consume the time and money of the people in passing Dorr resolutions, or in reading or printing Dorr reports."

Mr. Cochran moved to postpone the further consideration of said resolution and proposed amendment indefinitely.

The question was then taken on striking out and inserting the substitute offered by Mr. Yates, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays on the demand of Messrs. Yates and Miller of Winnebago, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Barnsback, Churchill, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Haley, Hanson, Henderson, Harper, Harriott, Herndon, Huffman, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Myers, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams, Yates and Youngkin.—35.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hannaford, Hardie, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry,

Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—78.

The House then adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The bill for "An act to reduce the number of Supreme Judges to four, and for other purposes," coming up for consideration, the question on said bill at the adjournment of the House on Saturday, recurring, the Speaker announced to the House that the question was on referring said bill to the Committee of the whole House.

A call of the House was then ordered, and after some time spent therein,

On motion of Mr. Davis of Williamson,

Further proceeding under the call was dispensed with.

Mr. Logan then withdrew his motion to commit said bill to the Committee of the whole House.

The question then recurring upon the pending motion to refer the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to appropriate certain moneys herein named."

Mr. Ross, from the same Committee, reported the foregoing act as correctly enrolled; and that the same had this day been laid before the Council of Revision.

The engrossed bill for "An act granting the General Government the right to establish an Armory at Fort Massac," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act to amend 'An act to regulate the interest on money, approved February 28th, 1833,' " was read the second time; when,

On motion of Mr. Haley,

It was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sharp moved to reconsider the vote just taken on the reference of said bill, which was not agreed to.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Auditor of Public Accounts in answer to a resolution of the House, giving information as to the amount paid assessors, &c.; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Governor, which was read, and is as follows, viz:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
SPRINGFIELD, DECEMBER 9, 1844. }

To the House of Representatives:

In compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives requesting information of the Governor whether the joint resolution of the two Houses of the last session, relative to the engraved plates belonging to the State has been complied with by me, I have the honor to state that during the year 1843, I made some enquiries as to the places where the plates might be found.

On the 13th day of March, 1844, I requested and authorised Charles Oakley, in writing, of that date, to make all necessary enquiries on that subject, and also to receive and receipt for the said plates. Since that time, Mr. Oakley has been continuedly absent from the State, and as yet has made no report to me on the subject; so that I am unable at this time to say whether those plates have been collected or not.

I am most respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS FORD.

On motion of Mr. Bradley,

Said communication was laid on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Secretary of State, which was read, and is as follows, viz:

STATE DEPARTMENT, }
Springfield, Dec. 9, 1844. }

To the Hon. Speaker of the House of Representatives:

In compliance with a resolution adopted by the House on the 7th inst., requesting the Secretary of State to transmit to the House, the amount of money due or paid to persons who may have been employed as expresses in returning the abstracts of votes given in the different counties in this State, at the late election for President and Vice President, and also, the amount paid or due persons going on expresses to the Electors, with the certificates of their election. In reply, I have to state that under the provisions of the 4th section of an act entitled "An act directing the mode of electing Electors of President and Vice President of the United States," approved January 11th, 1827, the Secretary of State is directed to certify to the Auditor, how much each express shall be entitled to for his services rendered under this act, which certificate when made is filed in the Auditor's Office. No memorandum being retained in my office of the amount of said expenses, all the information desired in the resolution can be obtained at the Auditor's Office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMPSON CAMPBELL,

Secretary of State.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

Said communication was laid on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House another communication from the Secretary of State in answer to a resolution of this House calling for information on the subject of contracting for the binding of the present General Assembly; which was read; when,

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

Said communication with the following instructions, viz: 'To enquire strictly into the contract' and report whether the same has been made according to law; was referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

The Speaker laid before the House another communication from the Secretary of State, which was read, and is as follows, viz:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE. }
Springfield, Dec. 1844. }

To the Honorable,

The Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—In pursuance of the 3d section of an act entitled "An act to authorize and direct the Secretary of State to receive and preserve Geological specimens, and for other purposes," I have the honor to submit to the General Assembly the following report:

That in pursuance of the 4th section of said act, I had the same together with the preamble and queries accompanying the report of the select committee referred to in said section, printed and distributed as is therein directed, and that I have not been furnished with any "specimens," received any "letters" or "written statements" relating to, or concerning any Geological or Mineralogical discoveries in this State.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMPSON CAMPBELL,
Secretary of State.

On motion of Mr. Blair,

Said communication was laid on the table.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act making partial appropriations;" he also reported the foregoing act as correctly enrolled.

Mr. Hick, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act to incorporate Shawnee City,'" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Logan, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to amend the law in relation to divorces;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Morrison, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act authorizing the survey of certain lands therein named;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Sharp, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to provide for the payment of the State debt;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate, to inform the House of Representatives that they have adopted the following resolution, in which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives, concurring herein, That the two Houses meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of elect.

ing Circuit Attornies in each of the Judicial Circuits of this State, except the 3d and 6th Circuits.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

The resolution from the Senate was amended by inserting the word "ninth" after sixth and before the word "Circuits" in the last line.

Mr. Smith of Sangamon, moved to lay said resolution on the table; which was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The resolution was further amended by inserting after the word "electing," the words an "Attorney General," and

On motion of Mr. Yates,

The resolution was further amended by inserting the word "first," after the word "the" in the last line.

Mr. Gregg moved further to amend the resolution by inserting the word "seventh," after the word "sixth," in the last line; when,

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The resolution was laid on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1844.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Richmond.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Aldrich, a Representative from Jo Daviess, for three weeks.

Mr. Woodburn presented the petition of Thomas Hood, a citizen of Clinton county, praying the passage of an act to enable him to sell the lands of certain minors therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Woodburn, Woollard and Morrison be that committee.

Mr. Thompson, from the Committee on Elections, to which had been referred a resolution providing for an amendment to the election law, so as to confine voters to their respective precincts in voting, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to.

Mr. Blair, from the Committee on Counties, to which had been referred the bill for "An act to permanently fix the seat of justice of McHenry county, reported the same back, and recommended its passage; when the bill was read a second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Strong, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Vermilion county, praying for the restoration of George Richards to citizenship, reported a bill for "An act for the relief of George Richards;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Loop, from the Committee on Elections, to which was referred a resolution relative to holding the Presidential and State elections on the same day, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The resolution was laid on the table.

The resolution offered by Mr. Boyakin on yesterday, relative to the imprisonment of Gov. Dorr, was taken up; and the question recurring on the adoption of said resolution,

Mr. Davis of McLean, offered the following as a substitute, viz:

Resolved, That the time of the Legislature can be more profitably spent in discussing the prospects of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, than in discussing the matters relating to the State of Rhode Island.

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The previous question was adopted.

The main question was then taken on the adoption of the resolution, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays on the demand of Messrs. Deskines and Davis of M'Lean, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—78.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Churchill, Davis of M'Lean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herdon, Huffman, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Myers, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams, Yates and Youngkin.—36.

Ordered, That Messrs. Boyakin, Morrison, Gregg, Lott and Miller of Winnebago, be that Committee.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate, to inform the House of Representatives that they have adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That there be printed 400 copies of the rules and joint rules of the two Houses of the last session, for the use of the General Assembly; 200 copies of which shall be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, for the use of the members of the General Assembly at their next session; 200 of which, to be distributed to members.

Resolved, That when an order or resolution shall be adopted in either House for the printing of any bill, report, or message, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the House, or Secretary of the Senate, as the case may be, to furnish the Public Printer with a copy of the same as soon as practicable, and procure two hundred copies thereof to be printed for the use of the two Houses.

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In the adoption of which resolutions, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Parrish, from the joint select committee to report joint rules for the government of the two Houses, reported the joint rules of the last session, and recommended their adoption; which was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The message last received from the Senate was taken up for consideration. The resolutions having been read,

On motion of Mr. Logan,

They were amended by adding after the words "last session" in the first resolution, the words "as amended at this session."

On motion of Mr. Churchill,

The resolutions were further amended by adding the following:

Resolved, That a list of the members and officers of each House, with their places of residence while in Springfield, together with a list of the members of the several standing committees of each House, be printed with the rules.

The resolutions as amended, were then concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in the amendments of the House.

Mr. Morrison offered for adoption the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois, the Senate concurring herein, That this General Assembly view with regret and concern that feature in the Constitution of the State of New Hampshire, which prohibits persons professing the Catholic religion from holding the honorable offices of Governor, Senator, or Representative.

Resolved, That we consider said provision in the Constitution of New Hampshire as anti-republican, and at war with the genius of free institutions, and, as a vindication of our form of Government, should be blotted from her organic law.

Resolved, That the Governor of this State transmit to the Executive of the State of New Hampshire, and to each branch of her General Assembly, a copy of these resolutions.

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Morrison and Boyakin.

Mr. Gregg moved to strike out the resolutions, and insert the following, viz:

"That the principle of requiring a religious test as a qualification for office, of any description is odious, anti-republican, and utterly unworthy of countenance, or favor, in a country whose institutions are based upon the doctrine of equal rights, and equal justice."

Resolved, That the Constitution of New Hampshire, in disqualifying persons of a certain religious faith from holding important offices in that State, is, so far, in direct violation of the fundamental principles of the republican institutions of the United States, and deserves the disapprobation of every freeman of the nation.

Resolved, That the repeated efforts of the Democratic party of New Hampshire, to expunge from their Constitution the provisions thus establishing a religious qualification for office, relieve them from the responsibility of sustaining a doctrine so odious and abhorrent; while the incorporation of such provisions in said Constitution, by the old Federal party,

and the repeated and constant opposition of their successors, the Whigs, to any amendment thereof—they having it entirely in their power to prevent such amendment, in consequence of another provision of said Constitution, prohibiting any alteration thereof, before the same is approved by two-thirds of the qualified voters voting on the subject—sufficiently indicate that the Whig party of New Hampshire is alone responsible for the illiberal and intolerant features which disgrace the Constitution of the State.

Mr. Strong offered the following as a substitute for the amendment proposed by Mr. Gregg, viz:

“Whereas, It is probable that many trying questions, deeply affecting the welfare of the State, will come before the Legislature during its present session, the proper decision of which will call for the greatest harmony and good feeling among all those who love the interest of the State more than they love the mere interests of party:” Therefore,

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That it is inexpedient for them to encourage or entertain any question of a mere party character, such as can lead to no practical result, useful to the people of this State—the effect of any introduction or discussion of which can only be to prolong the session—to swell the journals—to waste the time and money of the people, and more especially to embitter the feelings of members, and greatly involve the fate of measures of useful and patriotic legislation.

Mr. Morrison moved to lay Mr. Strong's proposed substitute on the table; which was agreed to by yeas and nays on the demand of Messrs. Strong and Davis of M'Lean, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Morrison, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Zieber and Mr. Speaker—77.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Barnsback, Churchill, Davis of M'Lean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Huffman, Janney, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morris, Myers, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams, Yates and Youngkin—40.

Mr. Manning moved to refer the resolutions and the amendment proposed by Mr. Gregg to the select committee to which was referred the resolution relative to the imprisonment of Governor Dorr of Rhode Island.

Mr. Logan moved to amend said motion by instructing the committee

"to report no resolution which may be offensive to any sister State;" which was not agreed to.

The question then recurring upon Mr. Manning's motion to refer, it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Hicks,

Resolved, That a select committee of seven be appointed to enquire into the expediency of removing the mill dams out of the Little Wabash river at New Haven and Carmi; and report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Hicks, Pickering, Pitner, Campbell, Reed, Hick and Emerson be that committee.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The rule was dispensed with, and the message from the Senate containing an amendment to the resolution of the House providing for the appointment of a joint committee to ascertain the rate of taxation for State purposes in the several States, was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Gregg moved to amend the amendment proposed by the Senate, by striking out "Auditor," and inserting "Secretary of State."

Mr. Pickering moved to amend the resolution, by adding the words "and county," after the word "State;" which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lawrence,

Resolved, That the Auditor be directed to report to this House at his earliest convenience, whether he has been able to settle the McAlister and Stebbins account agreeably to the provisions of "An act entitled 'An act to authorise a settlement with McAlister and Stebbins and further to diminish the State debt,'" approved March 4th, 1843. And such other matters and facts connected with the subject as may be in his possession.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Engrossed bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act in relation to common schools in Cass county."

On motion of Mr. Robbins,

Resolved, That the Public Printers for this General Assembly deliver the public documents now printed, or hereafter to be printed, for the use of the members of the House of Representatives to the Door-keeper of said House and to no other person.

Mr. Sharp proposed for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That both Houses will meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Wednesday next, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing States Attorneys for the first, second, fourth, fifth and eighth judicial circuits of this State.

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The resolution was amended by adding after the word "eighth" the words "an Attorney General."

Mr. White of Scott, moved to lay the resolution on the table which was not agreed to.

Mr. Pratt moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "first" before the word "second;" which was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Sherman,

The resolution was further amended by adding the word "seventh" after the word "sixth."

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

The resolution was further amended by striking out "Wednesday," and inserting "Saturday."

Mr. Whiteside moved to add all the circuits in the State.

When the House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The resolution authorizing the people to vote for or against a Convention to amend the Constitution of this State, which was some days since laid on the table, was taken up for consideration, and on his further motion, referred to the Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Saturday next.

A bill for "An act to provide for the payment of the State debt;" was read a second time, and

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill for "An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act to incorporate Shawnee City,'" was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Davis of Williamson,

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

The Engrossed bill for "An act in relation to common schools in Cass county," was read the third time, and

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The bill was amended by striking out "1844," and inserting "1843;" the bill then passed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The title of the bill was amended by striking out the words "in Cass county."

Ordered, That the title be as amended, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

The bill for "An act to amend the law in relation to divorces," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act authorizing the survey of certain lands therein named," which was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate, to inform the House of Representatives, that they have concurred with them in the adoption of their resolutions, having for their object, the procurement of a grant of land from the Congress of the United States, for the improvements of the navigation of the Great Wabash;" and in the adoption of their preamble and resolutions relative to the selection of lands by citizens of townships, whose 16th sections are worthless.

The Senate have also concurred with the House, in the passage of a bill for "An act establishing an armory at Fort Massac."

Mr. Denning, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act entitled an act to permanently locate the county seat of the county of Alexander;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Loop, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to incorporate the Chicago and Rock River Plank Road Company;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Janney, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act making provision for, and organizing and maintaining common schools;'" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Warren, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to change the name of William Asbury Kingman;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and leave was granted to introduce the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Governor, the Judges of the Supreme Court, and the ex-Speakers of the House of Representatives, be invited to take seats within the bar of this House.

On the question, "Will the House adopt said resolution?" it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Robbins moved to take up that portion of the Governor's message which had not been referred to any committee and which was some days since laid on the table; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Ross, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to change the name of Edward Hand Fitch;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Strong, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act concerning the revenue;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Yates, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act entitled 'An act to pay the interest on the public debt;'" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1844.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Edson.

Mr. Haley presented the petition of sundry citizens of Warren county, praying for a reduction of interest on the school fund; which, without reading, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Funkhouser presented the petition of citizens of Effingham county, praying the passage of a law legalizing the proceedings of the school trustees of township eight, north of range six east, in said county, in the sale of certain lands therein described; which, without reading, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Thompson, from the Committee on Elections, to which the subject had been referred, reported a bill for "An act to amend 'An act directing

the mode of electing electors of President and Vice President of the United States,' " approved January 11th, 1827; which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

The resolution offered on yesterday by Mr. Sharp, relative to the election of prosecuting attorneys, was taken up for consideration.

The question recurring on the motion made by Mr. Whiteside, to include all other circuits, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Dunbar moved to strike out the eighth circuit from said resolution; which was agreed to.

Mr. Parrish moved to reconsider the vote last taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Whiteside, which was agreed to; when

Mr. Parrish moved to amend said amendment, by striking out the "third circuit;" which was agreed to; and the amendment, as amended, was then concurred in.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the resolution, as amended, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of memorializing the Legislature of the State of Kentucky, or Congress, for the purpose of extending the jurisdiction of the courts of this State over offences against the laws of this State committed on that part of the river Ohio bordering on this State.

Mr. Bradley offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reducing the fees of officers of the several counties of this State, namely: probate justices, the clerks of the circuit and county commissioners' courts, county commissioners, and justices of the peace. And that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Robbins moved to amend said resolution by adding the following, viz: "Also to enquire into the expediency of abolishing any county offices now existing, and what offices, if any;" which was agreed to.

Mr. Cochran moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Retrenchment; which was agreed to, when

The question was taken on the adoption of the resolution, as amended, and decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

Resolved, That the Committee on Elections be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so altering the laws providing for the election of probate justices, county recorders, surveyors, treasurers, and justices of the peace and constables, as to make each of such officers elective every two, instead of once in every four years as now provided. And that said committee report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Robbins,

Resolved, That that part of the Governor's message which refers to the relief of the sufferers by the late high flood, in the following words to wit: "In the mean time relief might be given to the sufferers by high waters, by extending the time for the payment of the present taxes, and

if the Constitution presented no barrier, releasing them entirely," be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Ricks,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of offering for sale, in tracts of forty acres, the College and Seminary lands. And that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Herndon offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the committee to which was referred the resolutions relative to the Constitution of New Hampshire, be instructed not to report upon those resolutions.

Mr. Gregg moved to lay said resolution on the table; which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lawrence,

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That a joint select committee of five, three on the part of the House of Representatives, and two on the part of the Senate, be appointed to draft and report resolutions expressive of the sense of the General Assembly on the subject of the occupancy by the United States of the Oregon Territory.

Ordered, That Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Manning and Dunbar be the committee on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending our criminal code as to dispense with capital punishment, in all cases, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Denning offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to enquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to the county of Franklin, for the purpose of restoring the Records of that county, which were consumed by the burning of the clerk's office of said county, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Parrish moved to lay said resolution on the table; which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

Resolved, That a select committee of five be appointed, with instructions to take into consideration the expediency of the annexation of Texas to the United States. And that they report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Gregg, Benedict, Yates, Ross and Starkweather be that committee.

On motion of Mr. Manning,

Resolved, That the House adopt the following additional rule, which shall be printed with the rules of the House heretofore ordered to be printed:

RULE 52.—The effect of the previous question being put and carried, shall be to put an end to all debate, and to bring the House to a direct vote upon pending amendments, in their proper order, and then upon the main question. On a motion for the previous question, and prior to the seconding of the same, a call of the House shall be in order; but after a majority shall have seconded such motion, no call shall be in order prior to the decision of the main question.

Mr. Boyakin offered for adoption the following resolution, which was read, viz:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein. That the present Chief Justice, and the incumbent Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, be respectfully requested to remit and release to said State, at least one-fourth of their present salaries, or resign, so that the present General Assembly may successfully carry out a general retrenchment and reform in all the departments of State.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House respectfully present to the said Chief Justice and Associate Justices each a copy of said resolution.

Mr. Fletcher moved to amend the resolutions by inserting after the word "resign," the words "or die."

Mr. Cochran moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table; which was agreed to.

Mr. Lockard moved to amend said resolutions, by adding, after the words "Associate Justices," in the third line, the following, viz: "and the Governor of this State."

Mr. Lott moved to amend the proposed amendment by adding the following, viz: "or to communicate to this House, a statement showing wherein consists the impropriety or impracticability of their compliance with this request."

Mr. Manning moved to refer the resolutions and proposed amendments to the Committee on Retrenchment; which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Nye,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of authorising Recorders of the different counties of this State to issue fee bills for the collection of their own fees; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Wood,

Resolved, That the Committee on State Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the present law in relation to public roads, that all able-bodied persons over twenty-one years, and under forty-five, be compelled to work one day on public roads; and after that, all persons to be taxed according to what they are worth; and that they be allowed to work out the amount of their tax at a fair rate per day on the public roads.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of amending the law regulating the fees of jurors, as to the propriety of increasing the compensation of said jurors; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Pitner offered the following preamble and resolution, which were read, viz:

WHEREAS, There are complaints from many parts of the State in relation to the prolix and confused state of our present school laws: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Education be instructed to take into consideration the propriety of a thorough revision, abridgement, and simplification of the revenue of the same. And report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Hannaford moved to lay the preamble and resolution on the table; which was not agreed to; when

The question was taken on the adoption of said preamble and resolution, and concurred in.

Mr. Woollard offered for adoption, the following preamble and resolution, which were read, viz:

WHEREAS, Much of the embarrassment and distress of the country is brought upon the people by exorbitant and extravagant doctors' bills, which bear no proportion to the present low prices of labor and produce: Therefore,

Resolved, That it is expedient for this present Legislature to interfere by legislative action, so as to regulate by law, the charges of Physicians, especially mileage; when,

On motion,

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

John Steele, a Representative from the county of Perry, appeared, was qualified, and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be required to examine into the propriety of fixing by law the fees of masters in chancery, for all services rendered by them as such masters, and that if in their opinion proper, they report a table of such fees.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to inform the Senate that the House is now ready to receive the Senate in the Hall of the House of Representatives, to elect a Senator of the United States, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Hon. Samuel McRoberts, in pursuance of a joint resolution of the two Houses.

The foregoing resolution having been communicated to the Senate, the Senate, preceded by their Speaker, appeared in the Hall of the House of Representatives; when the Speaker of the House announced to the two Houses that they had met in pursuance of a joint resolution to elect a United States Senator to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Hon. Samuel McRoberts.

Whereupon,

Mr. Dougherty, of the Senate, nominated the Hon. James Semple.

Mr. Yates, of the House, nominated the Hon. John J. Hardin.

The two Houses then proceeded to the election.

Those voting for Mr. Semple, on the part of the Senate, are,

Messrs. Allen, Buford, Catlin, Cavarly, Crain, Davis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Forman, Harris, Leviston, Markley, Matteson, McMillan, McMurtry, Minard, Morrison, Nunnally, Smith of Adams, Thompson, Vandeventer, Warren, Wilbanks and Wynne.

On the part of the House,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hannaford, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson

of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Starne, Steele, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.

Those voting for Mr. Hardin, on the part of the Senate, are,

Messrs. Constable, Edwards, Henry, Johnson, Killpatrick, Parker, Powers, Ruggles, Smith of Madison, Waters, Webb, and Worthington.

On the part of the House,

Messrs. Arenz, Barnsback, Churchill, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Huffman, Leighton, Lockard, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Myers, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Strong, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams, Yates and Youngkin.

The Speaker announced that Mr. Semple had received one hundred and two votes, and that Mr. Hardin had received forty-seven votes.

The Hon. James Semple having received a majority of all the votes given, was by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, declared duly elected Senator in the Congress of the United States to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Hon. Samuel McRoberts.

The Senate then returned to their Chamber, and the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1844.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bergen,

Mr. Whiteside presented the petition of inhabitants of Prairie Du Roche in the county of Randolph, praying the passage of a law to protect the commons belonging to said inhabitants, from trespass; which was read, and on his motion referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Starne, from the Committee on Finance, to which had been referred a bill for "An act in relation to the school lands and school funds of the counties therein named," reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to.

Mr. Dunbar moved its reference to the Committee on Education; which was agreed to.

Mr. Janney, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which had been referred the petition of John Barrow and others, praying the passage of a special act authorising the sale of certain lands therein described, reported against the prayer of said petitioners; which was concurred in.

Mr. Parrish moved to lay the same on the table; which was agreed to.

Mr. Hannaford, from the committee on Education, to which had been referred the petition of the students of Shurtliff College, praying to be exempt from road labor, asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to.

Mr. Strong moved to lay the same on the table.

Mr. Woollard moved to lay the same on the table until the fourth day of July next.

The question was taken on Mr. Strong's motion to lay the petition on the table, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Yates, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which had been referred a bill for "An act to change the name of a person therein named," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Boyakin, from the Committee on the Judiciary to which had been referred a bill for "An act authorising the survey of certain lands therein named," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Wynne, a Senator.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that they have concurred with the House in the amendment to the amendment of the Senate to the resolution of the House, in relation to the rate per cent. of taxation, in the several States of the Union.

The Senate have also concurred with the House of Representatives, in their amendment to the resolutions of the Senate, concerning the printing, &c., of the rules and joint rules of the two Houses, proposing to insert in said resolution, the words "as amended at this session;" but have made an amendment to the additional resolution proposed by the House as an amendment to said resolutions; in which amendment they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Hannaford, from the Committee on Education, to which had been referred a resolution relative to applying the interest on the College and Seminary funds for the purpose of educating teachers of common schools, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to.

Mr. Parrish moved to lay the same on the table; which was agreed.

Mr. Cushman, from the Committee on Education, to which had been referred a bill for "An act to change the name of Joseph Carter to Joseph Sullivan," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Funkhouser moved to re-commit the bill to the same committee; which was agreed to.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled "An act granting to the General Government the right to establish an Armory at Fort Massac;" and that the same had been laid before the Council of Revision.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, to which had been referred a bill for "An act to repeal an act, entitled 'An act to incorporate Shawnee City;'" reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

The preamble and resolution offered on yesterday by Mr. Woollard, relative to the charges of physicians, was taken up for consideration.

The question being upon their adoption, it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Starkweather,

Resolved, That when any member of this House introduces a bill, or offers a resolution, he be required to endorse his name on the back thereof, before presenting the same.

Mr. Pratt offered the following resolution, which was read, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law in relation to grand and petit jurors, as to require the clerks of the circuit courts in this State to certify to the clerks of the county commissioners' courts, at their first term after each circuit court, the names of the jurors and the number of days that each have served; and that the clerks of the county commissioners' courts shall issue "county orders," in favor of each juror so returned for the amount certified to; and also that said committee be further instructed to define the existing laws in relation to the mileage of jurors—making the mileage uniform in each county.

Mr. Deskines moved to amend the same, by inserting after the words "county orders," the words "of the county commissioners' courts," which was not agreed to.

Mr. Nye moved to amend the said resolution, by adding the following, viz: "and that the clerk certify at the same time, the amount of docket fees charged at said term;" which was not agreed to.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the resolution, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Brinkley offered the following resolution, which was read, viz:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That the Committee on Banks and Corporations, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing "An act to incorporate the city of Nauvoo," "An act to incorporate the Nauvoo House Association;" and also "An act to incorporate the Nauvoo Agricultural and Manufacturing Association in the county of Hancock;" and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Ross moved to amend the same by adding, after the word "Nauvoo," in the 4th line, the words, "Springfield, Quincy, Alton and Chicago."

Mr. Babbitt moved to lay the resolution and proposed amendment on the table, which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Brinkley and Huffman, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Babbitt, Backenstos, Collins, Deskines, Jackson of McHenry, Loop, Manning, Pickering, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Sherman, Stewart, Wagner and Warren—14.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Davis of McLean, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Lott, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago,

Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker—97.

Mr. Brinkley moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table; which was agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Babbitt and Kuykendall, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Davis of McLean, Denning, Dunbar, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Lott, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Oglesby, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Sexton, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Steele, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber—77.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Boyakin, Butler, Campbell, Collins, Cushman, Deskines, Emerson, Hannaford, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Nye, O'Connor, Parrish, Pickering, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Sherman, Starne, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, Whiteside and Mr. Speaker—35.

Mr. Lott moved to reconsider the vote just taken on ordering the proposed amendment to be laid upon the table; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Cochran and Turley, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Boyakin, Butler, Campbell, Cushman, Deskines, Hannaford, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Nye, O'Connor, Parrish, Pickering, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Starne, Vedder, Wagner, Whiteside and Mr. Speaker—35.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Davis of McLean, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Lott, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morris, Myers, Oglesby, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon,

Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Steele, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vineyard, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber—76.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Wynne, a Senator:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have concurred with them in the adoption of their resolution, having for its object the election, on Saturday next, of certain States' Attorneys, and an Attorney General, as amended by the Senate. In which amendment they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have also concurred with the House in the adoption of their resolution respecting the occupancy of Oregon Territory; and have appointed Messrs. Dougherty and Thompson the committee on their part.

On motion,

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Public Printers; which was read.

Mr. Gregg moved that said communication be laid upon the table, and printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Churchill moved that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Smith of Sangamon, called for a division of the question submitted by Mr. Gregg; which was granted, and the motion to lay the communication on the table was agreed to.

The question on ordering said communication to be printed was then taken, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Morrison and Blair, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Bradley, Burnett, Collins, Cushman, Deskins, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Hick, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Lockard, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Reed, Ricks, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Starne, Steele, Stewart, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber—53.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Barnsback, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Denning, Fletcher, Haley, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Jackson of Stark, Kirkpatrick, Leighton, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrison, Myers, Oglesby, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Robbins, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Strong, Thompson, Tun-

nell, Turley, Vineyard, White of Menard. White of Washington, Wilcox, Wood and Mr. Speaker—45.

The message from the Senate, containing an amendment to the resolution of the House providing for the election, on Saturday next, of State's Attorneys and an Attorney General, was taken up for consideration.

The question was taken on concurring with the Senate in their amendment, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

The message from the Senate containing an amendment to a resolution of the House relative to the printing of the rules of the two Houses, was taken up for consideration.

The question was taken on concurring with the Senate in their amendment and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate thereof.

The bill for "An act to pay the interest on the public debt," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill for "An act concerning the revenue," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Strong,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act to change the name of Edward Hand Fitch," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act to change the name of William Ashbury Kingman," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act to amend an act entitled, 'An act making provision for organising and maintaining common schools,'" was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

Referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill for "An act to incorporate the Chicago and Rock River Plank Company," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Loop,

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the Committee on engrossed bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act authorising the survey of certain lands therein named," and a bill for "An act to change the name of a person therein named."

A bill for "An act entitled an act to permanently locate the county seat of the county of Alexander," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Denning,

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

A bill for "An act for the relief of George Richards," was read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A message from the Council of Revision, by Mr. Hawley, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Council of Revision, to inform the House of Representatives, that they have approved bills of the following titles, viz:

“An act making partial appropriations.”

“An act to appropriate certain moneys therein named;” and

“An act granting to the General Government the right to establish an Armory at Fort Massac.”

A bill for “An act to amend an act directing the mode of electing electors of President and Vice President of the United States, approved January 11th, 1827,” was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Strong,

Re-committed to the Committee on Elections.

Mr. Morris, on leave, introduced a bill for “An act to provide for the representation of certain counties herein named,” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Morrison, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the petition of Thomas Hood, praying the passage of a law authorising him to sell the lands of certain minors, reported a bill for “An act for the benefit of James Hood, a minor;” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Robbins, on leave, introduced a bill for “An act to fix the per diem wages of the members of this General Assembly;” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Gregg moved to take up the report of the Inspectors of the Penitentiary, which was laid on the table some days since; which was agreed to when, on his further motion, said report was referred to the Committee on the Penitentiary.

Mr. Lockard, on leave, introduced a bill for “An act to encourage the apprehension of horse thieves;” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, moved to dispense with the rule and take up for consideration the resolution in relation to the repeal of the Nauvoo Charter; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, on leave, introduced a bill for “An act for the relief of the late tax collector of Montgomery county,” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Hicks, on leave, introduced a bill for “An act to repeal the Nauvoo charter,” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Hanson, on leave, introduced a bill for “An act to authorise the county Commissioners of Coles county, to select lands therein named,” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Warren, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to reduce the fees of county Recorders," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Dunbar, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to provide for partition of lands and for setting apart dower," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Youngkin,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and leave granted him to introduce the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, by House of Representatives, That a select committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be, to inquire and report, as early as possible, what the State of Illinois has realized from the improvement on the Little Wabash River, for rents of water privileges or otherwise; the effects of said improvement on the adjoining section of country through which said river passes; whether injurious or advantageous to the agricultural interests of that section of country bordering on the Little Wabash river, and its tributaries; whether the dams across the Little Wabash river, at New Haven and Carmi are actually an obstruction to the navigation of said river for flat boats; and if so, to what extent.

The resolution was then adopted.

Ordered, That Messrs. Youngkin, Hick, Pickering, Campbell and Emerson, be that committee.

On leave, Mr. Churchill introduced the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State inform the House of Representatives what number of copies of the acts of the present session of the General Assembly will, in his opinion, be requisite to supply all the public officers entitled thereto, and to retain the usual number in the Secretary's office.

The resolution was adopted.

The rule of the House was again dispensed with, and leave given to Mr. Churchill, who introduced the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance enquire what measures are necessary to enable this State to derive a revenue from the taxable lands and other property in townships one, two, and three, south, and one and two, north, in ranges five and six west of the third principal meridian; and in sections one, twelve, thirteen, twenty-four, twenty-five and thirty-six, in township one south, range seven west of said fourth principal meridian; and report by bill or otherwise.

The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Morris, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act entitled 'An act to suppress trespass on real and personal property,'" which was read the first time.

On the question, "Will the House order the bill to a second reading?" It was decided in the negative.

Mr. Kuykendall, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to repeal a certain act therein named," which was read the first time and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. White, of Washington, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to legalize the assessment of property and collection of taxes in the county of Washington," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Burnett, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to exempt certain articles from execution,' " which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading,

Mr. Hanson, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to exempt certain articles from execution,' " which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Babbitt, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to repeal the City Charters of Springfield and Quincy," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Woollard, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to regulate the interest on money," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and leave granted him to introduce the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law regulating the issuing of County Orders, by the several County Commissioners' Courts of this State, as to have the said orders countersigned by the Treasurers of the proper county, and a record of the amount and number of said orders entered in a book, to be kept by said Treasurers before the same shall be issued by said courts.

On the question, "Will the House agree to said resolution?" It was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Hardie,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Education be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the School law as to require the inhabitants of each school district to hold a meeting, annually, for the purpose of electing officers, authorizing them when so met in said annual meeting, or at any special meeting, when said object is expressed in notices calling such meeting, to raise funds for erecting school houses, employing teachers, and defraying other expenses of said school, by levying a tax upon real and personal property or either; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On the question, "Will the House adopt said resolution?" It was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the inspectors of the Penitentiary, be required to report to this House copies of any contracts made with the lessee of the Penitentiary for building or repairs of the same, or any part thereof, during the term of the present lease, and in case no written contract or contracts, have been made, then to report particularly and distinctly, the terms of said contracts, and whether any attempt was made to contract with any other person or persons, upon terms more favorable to the

State, and that they further report the particulars of the several bills presented to them by the contractor, and referred to in their general report to the present General Assembly.

The foregoing resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Oglesby, on leave, proposed for adoption, the following preamble and resolutions, which were agreed to.

WHEREAS: During our last war with Great Britain, a considerable number of individuals of this State, formed themselves into companies of Rangers, for the purpose of protecting our frontiers from the ravages of British mercenary soldiers, and the horrors of Indian warfare, which companies, by the endurance of privation and suffering incident to frontier contests with savages, materially aided in protecting our common country from the aforesaid evils; and whereas, those individuals have never received any compensation for said services, Therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested to use all proper exertions to have a law passed by the Congress of the United States, providing for the compensation of the aforesaid individuals, for their said services.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of this preamble and resolution, to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

On leave, Mr. Pratt proposed for adoption the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the use of this Hall be tendered to the Rev. Mr. Bunn, on Sunday next for divine service.

Then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 1844.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Edson.

Samuel M. Hitt, a Representative from the county of Ogle, appeared, was qualified, and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Henderson,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Haley for two weeks.

Mr. Randolph presented the petition of John Freeland, a privateer in the Revolutionary war, asking for relief; which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Oglesby presented the petition of sundry citizens of the county of Hamilton, praying the reduction of interest on money; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Pitner presented the petition of J. R. Hall and forty-eight other citizens of Wayne county, praying the passage of a special act for the relief of William V. Shepherd; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Strong presented the petition of A. G. Woolford and three hundred and twenty others, praying for a change in the labor of convicts in the

Penitentiary, and for other purposes; which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the Penitentiary.

Mr. Lott presented the petition of sundry citizens of Marquette county, praying for the change of certain county lines; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Jackson of Stark, presented the petition of sixty-three citizens of Knox county, praying to be attached to the county of Stark; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Bradley, from the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, to which the subject had been referred some days since, made the following report, viz:

The Committee to which was referred the matter of the indebtedness of the people of Springfield, contracted by them to aid in the construction of the State House, have had the subject under consideration, and with a view to a proper understanding of the subject under the direction of the House, addressed the Secretary of State for information, who, in his reply, stated that his office did not possess the proper data to enable him to afford the committee the desired information. The Committee, therefore, report the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Auditor of Public Accounts be directed to inform this House at his earliest convenience, whether the sum of fifty thousand dollars, or any part thereof, has been paid by the citizens of Springfield, for the erection of the State House, as provided by an act of the General Assembly of the year 1836 and '7.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the resolution, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Thompson, from the Committee on Elections, to which was referred the resolution relative to districting each county in electing county commissioners, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Parrish moved to lay said resolution on the table; which was agreed to.

Mr. Starkweather, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to repeal an act entitled an act to incorporate Shawnee City."

Mr. Miller of Fulton, from the Committee on Roads, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Pike county, praying the relocation of a State road in said county, reported a bill for "An act to relocate part of the State road, leading from Griggsville, in Pike county, to the Mississippi river;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Starkweather, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act for the relief of George Richards."

Mr. Lott, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a resolution relative to the sale of college and seminary lands in tracts of forty acres, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago moved to refer said resolution to the Committee on Education; which was agreed to.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a resolution relative to granting authority to recorders to issue fee bills for the collection of their own fees, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to.

Mr. Parrish moved to lay said resolution on the table until the fourth day of July; which was agreed to.

Mr. Cochran, from the select committee to which was referred a bill for "An act to amend the several laws apportioning the representation among the several counties in this State," reported the same back with sundry amendments; which were read and concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The resolution offered on yesterday by Mr. Brinkley, relative to the repeal of the Nauvoo city charter, &c., was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Whiteside moved to strike out all after the word "Resolved," and insert the following, viz: "That the Committee on Banks and Corporations be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill having for its object the repeal or amendment of each and every city charter in the State; and also, the propriety of reporting a bill having for its object the incorporation of all cities upon perfect equality."

Mr. Robbins moved to postpone the further consideration of said resolution until the tenth day of January next.

Mr. Deskines moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question then recurred on agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Whiteside, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays on the demand of Messrs. Hicks and Babbitt, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Boyakin, Butler, Campbell, Collins, Cushman, Denning, Deskines, Gregg, Hannaford, Harriott, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Nye, O'Connor, Parrish, Pickering, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Woollard, Wood and Mr. Speaker.—45.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Lott, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Oglesby, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Steele, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Wilcox, Williams, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber.—68.

The question was then taken on the motion made by Mr. Robbins, to postpone the further consideration of the resolution, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Parrish and Boyakin, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Butler, Deskines, Gregg, Hannaford, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Leighton, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Nye, O'Connor, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Sherman, Tunnel, Wagner, White of Scott, Wilkinson and Williams.—24.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Steele, Strong, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Warren, White of Menard, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—88.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the resolution, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays on the demand of Messrs. Benedict and Parrish, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Loop, Lott, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—108.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Babbitt, Backenstos, Jackson of Stark, and Wagner.—4.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Wynne, a Senator:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that they have passed bills of the following titles:

“An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act regulating the modes of taking depositions, and to provide for the perpetuating of testimony,’” approved Feb. 9, 1827; and

“An act in relation to the City of Springfield, and the town of Jacksonville.”

In the passage of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

On motion,

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

An engrossed bill for “An act to change the name of a person therein named,” was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title of the bill be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in the passage of the same.

An engrossed bill for “An act authorising the survey of certain lands therein named,” was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title of the bill be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in the passage of the same.

A bill for “An act to fix the per diem wages of the members of this General Assembly,” was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

Referred to the Committee on Retrenchment.

A bill for “An act to provide for the representation of certain counties herein named,” was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

A bill for “An act for the benefit of James Hood, a minor,” was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Hannaford,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for “An act to encourage the apprehension of horse-thieves,” was read the second time, when Mr. Lockard moved to refer the same to the Committee on Finance; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gregg moved to refer the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary; which was agreed to.

A bill for “An act to authorise the county commissioners of Coles county to select lands therein named,” was read the second time; when

Mr. Whiteside moved to refer the same to the Committee on Finance; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Burnett moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Salines and Saline lands.

Mr. Starkweather moved to lay the bill on the table; which was not agreed to.

The question was then taken on Mr. Burnett's motion to refer the same to the Committee on Salines and Saline lands, and decided in the affirmative.

A bill for “An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act to exempt certain articles from execution,’ ” was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act to repeal certain acts therein named," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

A bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to exempt certain articles from execution,'" was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Blair,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act to legalize the assessment of property, and collection of taxes in the county of Washington," was read a second time, when,

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

The bill was amended by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

Be it further enacted, That the above act legalising the assessment and collection of the taxes in Washington county for the year 1843, shall extend to the assessor and collector for the county of Effingham for the year 1843."

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The said bill, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill for "An act to repeal the charters of the cities of Springfield and Quincy," was read the second time; when

Mr. Fletcher moved to refer the same to the Committee on the Judiciary; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gregg moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Banks and Corporations; which was agreed to.

A bill for "An act to regulate the interest on money," was read the second time," and

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill for "An act to repeal the Nauvoo charters," was read the second time.

Mr. Bradley moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Hicks moved its reference to the Committee of the whole House, and make it the order of the day for Monday next; which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to refer to the Committee on Banks and Corporations, it was decided in the affirmative.

A bill for "An act for the relief of the late tax collector of Montgomery county," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill for "An act to reduce the fees of county recorders," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

Referred to the Committee on Retrenchment.

A bill for "An act to provide for partition of lands, and setting apart dower," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Arenz,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Lott, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to establish a State road therein named," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Bradley, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to locate a State road herein named," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Lott, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act authorising the Governor to appoint Commissioners," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Henderson, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act making provision for organising and maintaining common schools," approved Feb. 26th, 1841, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Davis of McLean, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to regulate practice in the Supreme and Circuit Courts," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Secretary of State, in answer to a resolution of the House in reference to the number of the acts that will be necessary to supply the officers of the State, &c.; which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following preamble and resolution, viz:

WHEREAS, It is believed by many of the citizens of the State of Illinois, that the present rate of postage on letters and newspapers is exorbitant, unnecessary and oppressive, and that a reduction of the present rate of postage would materially tend to the dissemination of useful information amongst those who are now deprived of such means by the present price of postage, and at the same time secure to the General Government a sum sufficient to defray the expenses of the Post Office Department. Therefore,

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, of the State of Illinois, the Senate concurring herein, That our Representatives are requested, and our Senators in Congress instructed, to endeavor to procure the passage of a law providing for the reduction of postage on letters, newspapers, pamphlets and periodicals, and that the Governor transmit, as soon as practicable, a copy of this preamble and resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

On the question, "Will the House adopt the foregoing preamble and resolution?" It was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Herndon,

The rule of the House was further dispensed with, and leave granted to him to introduce the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures

report a bill making appropriations to persons to whom money is due for work done in fitting up this Hall for its present session.

The question on the adoption of the resolution was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The resolution before the House last evening at the adjournment, to grant the use of this Hall to the Rev. Mr. Bunn, on Sunday next, for divine service, was taken up for consideration.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1844.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Sturdivant.

Mr. Denning presented the petition of the inhabitants of township fourteen south, range two west of the third principal meridian in the county of Alexander, praying the passage of a law authorising them to lease certain lands therein described; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Cushman, from the Committee on Finance, to which were referred a preamble and resolution relative to the passage of a law by Congress for the relief of the sufferers by the late high flood, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was granted.

Mr. Robbins moved to amend the preamble, by striking out the words "is able to extend," and inserting "has extended;" which was agreed to.

Mr. Blair moved to amend the preamble, by inserting the words "one of," in the eleventh line, after the word "is," which was agreed to.

Mr. Ross moved to amend the resolution, by adding the words "Spoon river."

Mr. Myers moved to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Ross, by adding the words "Mackinaw river."

Mr. Adams moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question was then taken on agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Myers to the amendment proposed by Mr. Ross, and decided in the negative.

The question was then taken on agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Ross, and decided in the negative.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the preamble and resolution, as amended, which was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Messrs. Robbins, Whiteside and Yates, be the Committee on the part of the House, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Nye, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to amend the several laws apportioning the representation among the several counties in this State."

The resolution introduced on yesterday by Mr. Pratt, relative to granting the use of the Hall for preaching on Sabbath next, was then taken up for consideration.

Mr. Deskines moved to amend said resolution, by adding the following, viz:

“That no person shall have the use of this Hall for divine service, unless the mover of the resolution shall first pay the Sergeant-at-Arms six dollars for the labor they will have to incur in consequence of the preaching.”

Mr. Parrish moved to lay the resolution and proposed amendment on the table; which was agreed to.

Mr. Ross offered for adoption the following resolution, which was not agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Washingtonian State Temperance Society be permitted to hold their meeting in the Representative Hall on Monday evening next.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the Secretary of State be requested to transmit a copy of “An act granting the right of the General Government to establish an Armory at Fort Massac,” to each of our Representatives and Senators in Congress.

Mr. Denning offered for adoption the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of giving to justices of the peace of this State, jurisdiction in all cases of debt and assumpsit where the amount claimed does not exceed two hundred dollars; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Deskines moved to lay the resolution on the table until the 4th day of July; which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so altering the road law as to have the expenses paid by the individual petitioning, instead of the county, whether the viewers report favorable to the alteration of the road or not: and further to take into consideration the propriety of paying the supervisor a reasonable compensation for labor done on the road over and above the labor required of every individual by law: and further to take into consideration the propriety of every man working on the road according to the value of the property he may be in possession of. And that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Youngkin,

Resolved, That the Committee on Education be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so revising and altering the existing laws in relation to common schools, as shall bring them to the comprehension of all persons, so that there may not be such a diversity of opinion in relation to what may or may not be law.

On motion of Mr. Hannaford,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of allowing an increased per diem pay and mileage to witnesses attendant on the circuit courts.

On motion of Mr. Wagner,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether the charter of the city of Nauvoo contains a grant of any powers inconsistent with the Constitution and general laws of this State, or inconsistent with the rights of the people thereof; and that they report a bill to restrict such powers within proper limits, should any such powers be found to exist in said charter.

Mr. Harriott offered for adoption the following preamble and resolution, viz:

WHEREAS, Great defects have heretofore existed in our revenue laws, arising, no doubt, from the fact of its being among the last of the important measures emanating from the standing committees, and generally passed towards the close of the session, at a time when there is a great pressure of business, and members are wearied by the duties incident to a protracted session; and whereas, it is of vital importance not only to the people, but to the members themselves, that the revenue law to be passed at this session should be maturely considered, and receive all the investigation within the power of this House to give: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be respectfully requested to report a bill for revenue purposes, by the tenth day of January next, with a view to having the same considered in Committee of the whole House, and matured at as early a day in the session as possible.

Mr. Arnold moved to lay said preamble and resolution on the table, which was agreed to, by yeas and nays on the demand of Messrs. Deskins and Parrish, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Hendry, Hick of Gallatin, Hicks, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Morrille, Morrison, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macopin, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Wilcox, Wood, Woodburn, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—62.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Arenz, Babbitt, Barnsback, Bradley, Churchill, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Huffman, Leighton, Lockard, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morris, Myers, Pickering, Pratt, Robbins, Ross, Sexton, Sharp, Starkweather, Steele, Strong, Tunnel, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard, Yates and Youngkin.—40.

The Speaker laid before the House, a communication from the Auditor of Public Accounts, in reply to a resolution of the House calling for information relative to the settlement of the account of McAlister and Stebbins; which was read.

Mr. Whiteside moved to refer said communication to the Committee on Finance; which was agreed to.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a communication from the Auditor of Public Accounts, in reply to resolutions calling for information relative to the amount of taxable lands in each county, &c., which was read.

Mr. Parrish moved to lay said communication on the table, and print the same for the use of the House; which was agreed to.

The Speaker also laid before the House a communication from the Auditor of Public Accounts in reply to a resolution calling for information

relative to the fifty thousand dollars subscribed by the citizens of Springfield, towards the erection of the State House; which was read.

Mr. Blair moved to lay the same on the table; which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The biennial reports of the Auditor of Public Accounts and Treasurer were taken up, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That each clerk of the county commissioners' court of the several counties of this State, be required forthwith to report to the Auditor of State, first, the aggregate amount of taxable real estate in his county for the year 1844; second, the aggregate amount of personal property in his county for the same year; third, the amount assessed each, that is to say, on real and personal property for county and State revenue, separately.

Resolved, That the Auditor be directed to address a circular, embracing these resolutions, to each clerk for the above information immediately.

Mr. Youngkin, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act for the permanent improvement of Bon Pas creek; which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

Resolved, That the Clerk inform the Senate that this House is now ready to receive them in the Hall of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of electing an Attorney General and the several State's Attorneys pursuant to a resolution heretofore adopted.

The Clerk having communicated to the Senate the information contained in the foregoing resolution, they appeared in the Hall of the House of Representatives, preceded by their Speaker.

The Speaker of the House announced to the two Houses that they had met in pursuance of a joint resolution of the two Houses for the purpose of electing an Attorney General and State's Attorneys.

The House proceeded to the election of an Attorney General.

Mr. Starne nominated James A. McDougall.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The vote was taken by acclamation; the vote having been taken, the Speaker of the House declared James A. McDougall duly elected Attorney General of the State of Illinois.

The two Houses then proceeded to the election of a State's Attorney for the first Judicial Circuit.

Mr. Vedder nominated C. H. Goodrich.

Mr. White of Scott, nominated M. W. Dellaha.

Those voting for Mr. Goodrich, on the part of the Senate, are

Messrs. Allen, Buford, Catlin, Cavarly, Crain, Davis, Dunlap, Fithian, Forman, Harris, Leviston, Markley, Matteson, McMillan, McMurtry, Minard, Morrison, Nunnally, Parker, Ruggles, Ryan, Smith of Adams, Smith of Madison, Thompson, Vandeventer, Warren, Wilbanks;

And on the part of the House,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Churchill, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Hannaford, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Lockard, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—110.

Those voting for Mr. Dellaha, on the part of the Senate, are Messrs. Edwards, Henry and Killpatrick.

On the part of the House,

Messrs. Arenz, Davis of McLean, Emerson, Henderson, Leighton, Logan, Metz, Pickering, Pratt, Smith of Sangamon, White of Scott and Yates.—15.

Messrs. Boal, Constable, Johnson, Powers, Waters and Worthington, on the part of the Senate, and Messrs. Hanson, Harper, Harriott, Herdon, Miller of Winnebago, Myers, Rawlings, Strong, White of Menard, Wilcox and Williams, voted blanks.

Mr. Kirkpatrick voted for Alton.

Mr. Goodrich having received a majority of all the votes given, was by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, declared duly elected State's Attorney for the first judicial circuit.

The two Houses then proceeded to the election of State's Attorney for the second Judicial circuit.

Mr. Thompson of the House nominated W. H. Bissell.

On Mr. Thompson's motion,

The two Houses proceeded to the election by acclamation.

The vote being taken, the Speaker of the House declared Mr. Bissell duly elected State's Attorney for the second judicial circuit.

The two Houses then proceeded to the election of State's Attorney for the third judicial circuit.

Mr. Allen of the Senate, nominated William A. Denning.

On Mr. Allen's motion,

The two Houses proceeded to vote by acclamation.

The vote being taken, the Speaker of the House declared Mr. Denning duly elected State's Attorney for the third judicial circuit.

The two Houses then proceeded to the election of a State's Attorney for the fourth judicial circuit.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, nominated Aaron Shaw, and

On Mr. Anderson's motion,

The vote was taken by acclamation.

The vote having been taken, the Speaker of the House declared Mr. Shaw duly elected State's Attorney for the fourth judicial circuit.

The two Houses then proceeded to the election of a State's Attorney for the fifth judicial circuit.

Mr. Sharp nominated William Elliott, and

Mr. Yates nominated Robert L. Blackwell.

Those voting for Mr. Elliott, on the part of the Senate, are

Messrs. Allen, Buford, Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Crain, Davis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Fithian, Forman, Harris, Judd, Leviston, Markley, Matteson, McMillan, McMurtry, Morrison, Nunnally, Parker, Ryan, Smith of Adams, Smith of Madison, Thompson, Vandeventer, Warren and Wilbanks.

On the part of the House,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Hannaford, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—105.

Those who voted for Mr. Blackwell, on the part of the Senate, were

Messrs. Boal, Killpatrick, Waters and Webb.

On the part of the House,

Messrs. Arenz, Churchill, Davis of McLean, Emerson, Hitt, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Morrison, Myers, Pratt, Smith of Sangamon, Wilcox and Yates.—19.

Messrs. Johnson, Powers, Ruggles and Worthington, of the Senate, and

Messrs. Harper, Harriott and Williams, of the House, voted blanks.

Mr. Dunbar voted for Mr. Benedict.

Mr. Hanson voted for Mr. Dunbar.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago, voted for Mr. Deskines.

Messrs. Pickering, Rawlings, White of Scott, and Leighton, voted for Mr. Hanson. And

Messrs. Smith of Stephenson, and Strong, voted for Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Henderson voted for Mr. Strong.

Mr. Youngkin voted for Mr. Yates.

Mr. Elliott having received a majority of all the votes given, was, by the Speaker of the House, declared duly elected State's Attorney for the fifth judicial circuit.

The two Houses then proceeded to elect a State's Attorney for the sixth judicial circuit.

Mr. Wilkinson nominated James L. Loop, and

On Mr. Wilkinson's motion,

The two Houses proceeded to vote by acclamation.

The vote being taken, the Speaker of the House declared Mr. Loop duly elected State's Attorney for the sixth judicial circuit.

The two Houses then proceeded to the election of a State's Attorney for the ninth judicial circuit.

Mr. Armstrong nominated B. F. Fridley.

Mr. Hannaford nominated Wm. L. May.

Mr. Jackson of McHenry, nominated E. E. Harvey.

Mr. Morrille nominated E. B. Eames.

Those voting for Mr. Fridley, on the part of the Senate, are Messrs. Davis, Edwards, Markley, Matteson, Ruggles, Ryan, Smith of Adams, and Webb.

On the part of the House,

Messrs. Adams, Arenz, Armstrong, Backenstos, Benedict, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Funkhouser, Henderson, Hendry, Hitt, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Lott, Matthews, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Rawlings, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, Wood and Yates.—51.

Those voting for Mr. May, are

Messrs. Boal, Buford, Dougherty, Dunlap, Forman, Harris, Leviston, McMillan, McMurtry, Nunnally, Parker, Powers, Smith of Madison, Thompson, Vandeventer, Warren, Wilbanks and Worthington.

On the part of the House,

Messrs. Alexander, Blair, Boyakin, Burnett, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Hannaford, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of Stark, Logan, Manning, Metz, Moore, Myers, Pickering, Prevo, Ross, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Starne, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Woodburn, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—47.

Those voting for Mr. Harvey on the part of the Senate, are

Messrs. Crain, Johnson, Minard and Morrison.

On the part of the House,

Messrs. Arnold, Babbitt, Barnsback, Butler, Churchill, Jackson of McHenry, Loop and Reed.—12.

Those voting for Mr. Eames on the part of the Senate, are, Messrs. Allen, Catlin, Constable, Fithian, Killpatrick and Waters.

On the part of the House,

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Campbell, Denning, Emerson, Huffman, Janney, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Pratt, Robbins, Sexton, Steele, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Vineyard, Wilkinson, Woollard and Youngkin—29.

Mr. Henry of the Senate, and Messrs. Harper, Harriott and Herndon, of the House voted blanks.

Mr. Deskines voted for Mr. Miller of Winnebago.

Mr. Dunbar voted for Mr. Deskines.

Mr. Hanson voted for Mr. Pickering.

No person having received a majority of all the votes given, the two Houses proceeded to vote a second time.

Those voting for Mr. Fridley on the part of the Senate, are,

Messrs. Crain, Davis, Edwards, Fithian, Killpatrick, Markley, Matteson, Minard, Ruggles, Ryan, Smith of Adams and Webb.

On the part of the House,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funk-

houser, Gregg, Henderson, Hendry, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Matthews, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Nye, O'Connor, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott, of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, Wilkinson, Woollard, Wood and Yates—74.

Those voting for Mr. May, on the part of the Senate, are

Messrs. Boal, Buford, Catlin, Dougherty, Dunlap, Forman, Harris, Leviston, McMillan, McMurtry, Morrison, Nunnally, Parker, Powers, Smith of Madison, Thompson, Vandeventer, Warren, Wilbanks and Worthington.

On the part of the House,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Blair, Boyakin, Burnett, Butler, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Hannaford, Hanson, Harper, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Logan, Manning, Metz, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Oglesby, Pickering, Prevo, Ross, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Vincyard, White of Menard, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Woodburn, Youngkin and Zieber.—64.

Those voting for Mr. Harvey, are,

Messrs. Arnold and Churchill of the House.

Those voting for Mr. Evans, on the part of the Senate, are

Messrs. Allen, Constable, Johnson and Waters.

On the part of the House, Mr. Lockard.

Messrs. Cavarly and Henry, of the Senate, and Messrs. Harriott, Herndon and Mr. Speaker of the House voted blanks.

No person having yet received a majority of all the votes given, the two Houses proceeded to vote the third time.

Those voting for Mr. Fridley, are, on the part of the Senate,

Messrs. Allen, Constable, Crain, Davis, Fithian, Harris, Killpatrick, Markley, Matteson, Minard, Ruggles, Ryan, J. Smith, Waters and Webb.

On the part of the House,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Balbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Funkhouser, Gregg, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Loop, Lott, Matthews, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Nye, O'Connor, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Steele, Stewart, Strong, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Woollard Wood, Yates and Youngkin—81.

Those voting for Mr. May, are, on the part of the Senate,

Messrs. Boal, Buford, Catlin, Cavarly, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Forman, Johnson, Leviston, McMillan, McMurtry, Morrison, Nunnally, Parker, Powers, G. Smith, Thompson, Vandeventer, Warren, Wilbanks and Worthington.

On the part of the House,

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Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Blair, Boyakin, Burnett, Butler, Churchill, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Hannaford, Hanson, Harper, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Logan, Manning, McDonald, Metz, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Oglesby, Pickering, Prevo, Robbins, Ross, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Starne, Thompson, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Washington, Wilcox, Williams, Woodburn, Zieber and Mr. Speaker—67.

Mr. Henry of the Senate, and Mr. Harriott of the House, voted blank.

Mr. Fridley having received a majority of all the votes given, was declared by the Speaker of the House of Representatives duly elected State's Attorney for the ninth judicial circuit of the State of Illinois.

The Senate then returned to their chamber, and the House adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1844.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Edson.

Mr. Ross presented the petition of sundry citizens of Fulton county, asking relief for the collector of said county; which without reading, was

On his motion,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Arnold presented the petition of A. Garrett, George W. Dole, and others, asking an alteration of the charter of the city of Chicago; which, without reading, was,

On his motion,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Parrish presented a communication from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County, relative to the destruction of the records of said county by fire; which, without reading, was,

On his motion,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Nye presented the petition of sundry citizens of Brown county, praying the alteration of certain county lines therein described; which without reading was,

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Arnold, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the petition of A. S. Sherman and others, praying the passage of a law for the relief of John Walsh, reported a bill for "An act for the relief of John Walsh:" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Arnold, from the Committee on the Canal and Canal lands, to which was referred the petition of Thomas Lonigan and John Lonigan, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

Leave was given to said petitioners to withdraw their petition.

Mr. Parrish moved to reconsider the vote taken on ordering the communication from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin county to be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; which was agreed to.

On his further motion, said communication was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On his further motion, the resolution some days since laid upon the table, relative to the subject matter of said communication, was taken up and referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Morrison,

The rule was dispensed with and Mr. Morrison, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act for the relief of certain persons therein named;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Leighton,

The rule was dispensed with, and Mr. Leighton, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act declaring a certain road in Scott County, a State road;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sherman,

The rule was dispensed with and Mr. Sherman, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act regulating tavern and grocery licenses," passed March 2, 1839; which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Anderson, of Lawrence, from the Committee on banks and corporations, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Effingham, relative to the sale of certain school lands therein described, reported a bill for "An act for the benefit of schools in township eight, north of range six east, in Effingham county;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Wynne, a Senator.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have concurred with them in the adoption of their preamble and resolution on the subject of the reduction of the rate of postage, by the Congress of the United States.

The Senate have adopted the following resolutions, in which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Resolved, by the Senate the House of Representatives concurring herein, That his Excellency, the Governor, and the Chief Justice and associate Justices of the Supreme Court be respectfully requested to relinquish to the State such an amount of their respective salaries as will be equivalent to 25 per cent. beginning with the year 1845; for the purpose of affording the Legislature an opportunity of curtailing the public expenditures in a regular gradation, from the highest to the lowest office in the State, so that each salary, per diem allowance, and fee may be brought to correspond with the present relative value of property and money, as also with the crippled financial condition of the State.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to furnish his Excellency, the Governor, and the Chief Justice, and each of the associate Justices, with a copy of the above resolution.

The Senate have also adopted the following resolution in which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Resolved, by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That whenever any message, bill, report or document, shall be ordered to be printed by the Senate or the House, for the use of both Houses, it

shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Senate, or Clerk of the House, (as the case may be,) to immediately report the fact of the passage of said order, to the other branch of this General Assembly, together with the number so ordered to be printed, in case it shall exceed the number ordered to be printed under the joint rules of both Houses.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance, to which were referred the Auditor's and Treasurer's reports, be requested to examine the vouchers, upon which the various reports have been made, and ascertain whether the disbursements in any instance have exceeded the appropriations for that particular object, and that they report to the House, at as early a day as practicable the result of their investigation.

On motion of Mr. Blair,

Resolved, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be granted to Doctor Parnell, to-morrow evening and Wednesday evening, at 6 o'clock, for the purpose of delivering free lectures on the evils growing out of the present mode of conducting Insane, Blind and Deaf and Dumb Asylums; also on the variety of the human species, Anatomically, Physiologically, and mentally, and also on the science of political economy.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

Resolved, That the Committee on Retrenchment be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to the House so retrenching the per diem allowance of the members of the General Assembly, and the officers attached thereto, and the salaries of all other officers, whose compensation is fixed by the Legislature; and all other expenditures of every description made by the State, so as to make the reduction uniform, and save to the State in all her expenditures, at least the sum of forty thousand dollars within the next two years.

On motion of Mr. Starne,

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That the Governor of this State be requested to furnish this House with the number of days' service actually performed by the Bank Commissioners, appointed under the law putting the State Bank and Illinois Bank in liquidation.

On motion of Mr. Arenz,

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to communicate to this House what amount has been received from the lessees of the Rail Road from Springfield to Meredosia, also to inform this House how long said road has been leased, to whom, and on what terms, and at what time the present lease will expire.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to lay before this House all information in his possession relating to the appraisement of the Springfield and Meredosia Rail Road, whether any bids have been made, and what is the present condition of said Road.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lawrence,

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to inform this House what amount of money has been paid to the Commissioners of the State Bank of Illinois, and the Bank of Illinois since the date of their appointment.

On motion of Mr. Butler,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire

into the expediency of requiring judgment creditors to pay every week in advance, the Jailor's fees and the prisoners' board, when committed to prison, and in case of a failure so to do, that the debtor be discharged from confinement; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Williamson,

Resolved, That whereas there has been different constructions placed on the law fixing the fees of sheriffs for summoning jurors, that the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to examine the same and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Denning,

Resolved, That his Excellency, the Governor, be respectfully requested to communicate to this House, whether or not he has negotiated a sale of the stock held by the State in the Bank of Illinois, according to "An act entitled 'an act to reduce the public debt one million of dollars and to put the Bank of Illinois into liquidation,'" in force February 25th 1843; and if so to whom said stock was sold, and upon what terms and conditions the same was sold, and whether or not those terms have been complied with by the purchaser.

On motion of Mr. Pitner,

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That the Fund Commissioner be required to report to this House as early as possible all the information in relation to the profits arising from the mills and mill privileges at Carmi and New Haven to the State, in his office; what amount has been received from each mill and when the leases expire.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That the Public Printers be requested to furnish this House as early as convenient, the cost for printing the five hundred copies of the Auditor's report, ordered to be printed by the House of Representatives at its present session; also the cost of the number ordered to be printed by the Senate; also the cost of printing the same in the volume of reports and the laws—particularly specifying the charge for composition, for press work, for folding and stitching and paper.

On motion of Mr. Wood,

Resolved, That the Committee on Retrenchment be instructed to enquire into the expediency of dispensing with the use of a Porter about the State House, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Loop proposed for adoption the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That the Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk be authorised to employ such assistance from time to time as he may need, and that he be required to keep a correct account of the time such assistant may be so employed by him.

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The foregoing resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Ross proposed for adoption the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives the Senate concurring herein, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested to use their best exertions to have the Military Academy at West Point, abolished, and that they be requested to vote against all future appropriations for said institution.

Mr. Pickering moved to amend the resolution by adding, "and that our vessels of war at sea be blown up."

On motion of Mr. Hicks,

The proposed amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Deskines called for a division of the question so as to take the vote on the first member of the resolution separately.

On motion of Morrison,

The resolution was amended by adding the following, after the word "abolished," viz:

"Or so re-organize as to prevent favoritism in the appointment of Cadets."

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The resolution was further amended by striking out all after the word "Cadets," when,

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Hardie,

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit to this House at as early a day as practicable, the amount of State indebtedness; designating therein, the amount of Canal debt, the interest thereon, and the amount of Internal Improvement debt, with the interest thereon.

On motion of Mr. Burnett,

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of giving to the County Commissioners' Courts, power to appoint Commissioners to locate State Roads where the same is not over forty miles in length; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Churchill,

Resolved, That the Committee on Retrenchment inquire into the expediency of giving the printing and binding of the laws, journals, and reports of the General Assembly of this State, to the lowest responsible bidder; and that said Committee report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Butler,

The rule was dispensed with, and Mr. Butler, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act supplementary to an act entitled 'An act relative to criminal jurisprudence;'" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Yates,

The rule was dispensed with and Mr. Yates, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to change the name of the Bethel Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Morgan County, to that of Hebron Society;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Backenstos,

The rule being dispensed with, Mr. Backenstos, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to repeal an act to enable the inhabitants of school townships in Hancock County to purchase the school lands therein, and for other purposes;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the road law of this State as to give

the entire management and control of roads to the county commissioners' courts of the several counties of this State, and save the expense of legislating upon the subject.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The rule was dispensed with and Mr. Strong, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to incorporate the Illinois Historical and Literary Society;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading,

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

The following preamble and resolution were adopted, viz:

WHEREAS: The people of the State of Illinois feel a deep interest in the speedy completion of the National Road in said State: Therefore,

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their influence to procure the passage of a law making an appropriation of money for the speedy completion of said road in the State of Illinois; and the Governor of this State is hereby requested to forward a copy of the above resolution to each of our members in Congress.

On motion of Mr. Vineyard,

The rule was dispensed with and Mr. Vineyard, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act relative to runaway slaves;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Bureau,

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the road law, so as to require the county commissioners' courts of the several counties, to appoint supervisors of roads at the December term, instead of the March term of said court.

On motion of Mr. Wilkinson,

The rule was dispensed with and Mr. Wilkinson, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act for the relief of James Robertson," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Zieber,

Resolved, That a joint select Committee, consisting of three members on the part of the House, and two on the part of the Senate, be raised, whose duty it shall be to examine the books and records in and pertaining to the Executive departments, and to make an examination into the public expenditures, and report the result of such examination; and also to report, in detail, where retrenchment can be made in the public expenditures.

Ordered, That Messrs. Zieber, Anderson of Lawrence, and Logan be that Committee on the part of the House; and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, and Mr. Warren, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to locate a State Road from Little Rock, in Kane county, to the Steam mill bridge on the Des Plaines river, in Cook county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Denning,

Resolved, That his Excellency, the Governor, be requested to communicate to this House, whether or not the depot lands at the City of Cairo have been sold.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the road laws, as to authorise the county commissioners' courts of the several counties in this State, whenever they may deem it necessary, to levy a tax not exceeding ——— per centum, for the purpose of improving the navigation of all such rivers passing through their respective counties as they may think proper, to be applied in removing obstructions to flat boat navigation; and the same be placed under the control of supervisors, appointed by said commissioners for the purposes aforesaid; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law in relation to clock pedlars, so as it will not prove to be a prohibition of said trade.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Sangamon,

Resolved, by the House of Representatives the Senate concurring herein, That no bill of a private nature or a local character shall be printed with the acts of the General Assembly; and that the Secretary of either House may give certified copies thereof to persons who may be interested in the aforesaid private and local acts; which copies shall be deemed lawful and valid.

On his further motion,

Said resolution was laid on the table.

On motion,

The House adjourned till two o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Manning,

A call of the House was ordered, and after some time spent therein,

On motion of Mr. Tunnel,

Further proceedings under the call was dispensed with, when,

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the resolution authorising the people to vote for or against a convention to amend the Constitution of the State, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Hicks, the Chairman, reported the resolution back to the House without amendment.

The question was then taken upon the adoption of said resolution, and decided in the affirmative, more than two-thirds of all the members elected to the present House of Representatives voting for its adoption by yeas and nays as follows, to wit: yeas 99, nays 9.

Those voting for the adoption of said resolution are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander. Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskins, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—99.

Those voting in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnsback, Emerson, Henderson, Huffman, O'Connor, Pickering, Strong, White of Menard and White of Washington.—9.

The Senate resolution respectfully requesting the Governor and Justices of the Supreme Court, to relinquish a portion of their salary to the State, coming up for consideration, the question was taken on concurring with the Senate in the adoption of said resolution, which was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows, on the call of Messrs. Parrish and Boyakin.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskins, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Manning, Matthews, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Washington, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—67.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Emerson, Hannaford, Harriott, Hendry, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, O'Connor, Pickering, Pratt, Rawlings, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates and Youngkin.—42.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

The question was then taken on concurring with the Senate in the adoption of their resolution on the subject of printing messages, bills, reports, &c., for the use of both Houses, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time, and *Ordered* to a second reading, viz:

A bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act regulating the mode of taking depositions, and to provide for the perpetuation of testimony;'" approved February 9th, 1837, and,

A bill for "An act in relation to the City of Springfield and the town of Jacksonville."

Bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed, viz:

A bill for "An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act to incorporate Shawnee City.'"

A bill for "An act for the relief of George Richards;" and

A bill for "An act entitled 'An act to amend the several laws apportioning the representation among the several counties in this State.'"

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act for the permanent improvement of the Bon Pas Creek," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Pickering,

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Pickering, Youngkin, and Hicks, be that committee.

A bill for "An act to regulate practice in the Supreme and Circuit Courts," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act to amend an act making provision for organising and maintaining common schools," approved February 26, 1841, was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Tunnel,

Referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill for "An act authorising the Governor to appoint commissioners, &c.," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Davis of Williamson,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act to locate a State road therein named," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Robbins,

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Robbins, Steele and Davis of Williamson be that Committee.

A bill for "An act to establish a State Road therein named," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Yates,

Referred to the Committee on Roads.

A bill for "An act to re-locate part of the State Road leading from Griggsville, in Pike county, to the Mississippi river," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bill read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Starkweather, from the Committee on Engrossed bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to permanently fix the seat of Justice of McHenry County."

On motion,
The House adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1844.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Richmond.

Mr. Denning, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill for "An act to amend the law in relation to descents," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Manning proposed to amend said bill by adding the following proviso, viz:

"Provided, that in all cases where there shall be an heir or heirs of whole or half blood, born even after the death of any owner of land, he, she, or they, shall inherit in the same manner as if born before such death; and in case of no new issue after the future marriage, then the estate shall revert to the heirs of the father, and the heirs of the mother equally."

Mr. Ross moved to recommit said bill with the amendments, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Parrish moved to lay the bill and amendment on the table; which was agreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that they have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Rush Medical College;'" and

"An act to incorporate the University of St. Mary of the Lake."

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Campbell, Secretary of State:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor, to lay before the House of Representatives, a communication in writing.

Mr. Nye, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to relocate part of a State road leading from Griggsville, in Pike county, to the Mississippi river."

Mr. Boyakin, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a resolution relative to an increase of witnesses' fees, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

Said resolution was laid upon the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that they have passed a bill of the following title, viz:

"An act for the relief of the Jordan district in township ten, north of range four, east of the third principal meridian in the county of Shelby."

In the passage of which, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a resolution relative to the fees of jurors, and a resolution relative to an amendment of the law concerning grand and petit jurors, reported a bill for "An act fixing the compensation of jurors;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Strong, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to regulate mortgages on personal property," reported the same back with sundry amendments; which were read and concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Janney, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a resolution requiring county treasurers to countersign county orders, reported a bill for "An act requiring county orders to be countersigned by county treasurers;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The House adjourned until two o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the House, the communication from the Governor, received this morning, relative to a contract entered into by him with the President of the Bank of Illinois, in pursuance of the act to put said Bank into liquidation; which was read.

Mr. Hick of Gallatin, moved to refer the same to the Committee on the Judiciary, which was not agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Blair,

Said communication, together with the accompanying documents, were referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Senate bill for "An act for the relief of the Jordan district in township ten north, range four, east of the third principal meridian, in the county of Shelby," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Senate bill for "An act in relation to the city of Springfield, and the town of Jacksonville," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Strong,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill for "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act regulating the mode of taking depositions, and to provide for the perpetuating of testimony,'" approved Feb. 9, 1827, was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Tunnel,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act to permanently fix the seat of justice of McHenry county," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act for the relief of certain persons therein named," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

Referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Wynne, a Senator.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate, to inform the House of Representatives, that they have adopted the following resolution, viz:

"Resolved, by the Senate, the House concurring herein, That 300 copies of the volume of Reports, made at the present General Assembly, shall be printed, two of said volumes to be distributed to each county in this State, and the balance to be deposited in the Secretary's office, for the use of the General Assembly of this State."

In the adoption of which, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A bill for "An act to repeal an act to enable the inhabitants of school townships in Hancock county, to purchase the school lands therein, and for other purposes," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Backenstos,

Referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill for "An act relative to runaway slaves," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Hick of Gallatin,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act to incorporate the Illinois Literary and Historical Society," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Strong,

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

A bill for "An act for the relief of John Walsh," was read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill for "An act for the relief of James Robertson," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Wilkinson,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill for "An act to change the name of the Bethel Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Morgan county to that of Hebron Society," was read the second time, when,

On motion of Mr. Yates,

The bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act supplementary to an act entitled 'An act relative to criminal jurisprudence,'" was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Butler,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act declaring a certain road in Scott county, a State road," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Leighton,

Referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill for "An act to locate a State road from Little Rock in Kane county, to the steam mill bridge on the Des Plaines river in Cook county," was read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Starkweather, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act restricting

probate justices of the peace, justices of the peace and constables, in certain cases," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Kuykendall, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to remove the seat of justice of Johnson county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Bradley, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to authorise the recorder of Jackson county, to enter of record certain deeds or other instruments in writing herein named," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Boyakin, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to curtail the fees of the ministerial officer of the Supreme court;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Parrish, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act requiring the justices of the Supreme Court to hold circuit courts throughout the State in rotation;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Yates, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to change the mode of publishing the private acts and reports of the two Houses of the Legislature;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

A bill for "An act for the benefit of schools in township eight, north of range six east, in Effingham county;" was read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill for "An act to amend an act regulating tavern and grocery licenses," passed March 2, 1839, was read a second time, and

On motion of Mr. Sherman,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Campbell, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act concerning the manner of assessing property and collecting revenue;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolutions, which were read and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill for the completion of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, and the payment of the State debt, upon the following basis:

1st. A company to be incorporated with sufficient capital to complete the Canal, and upon as liberal terms as is consistent with the interests of the State, and the security of its inhabitants.

2d. The company, within a reasonable time, to deliver up to the State, all its bonds, and other evidences of indebtedness.

3d. The State upon its part, on such delivery of its bonds, and other evidences of indebtedness, to surrender to said company, the Canal with all the work which has been done thereon, and the machinery, fixtures, and other property, belonging to, or connected with the same, and to convey to said company, by absolute grant, all the lands belonging to the State, whether Canal, Railroad, or those received by the State under the

distribution act; and also, all the debts due the State for that portion of said lands which have heretofore been sold by said State.

4th. The State to surrender to said company all the railroads or part of railroads owned by the State, with the iron, depots, and other property belonging to the same; provided that the company shall not be compelled to complete said railroads, or any part thereof, unless they choose so to do.

5th. The company to elect within a reasonable time, whether they will abandon or complete said railroads, or any part thereof, designating what part they will complete, and what part they will abandon or surrender to the State.

6th. The company to retain in any event the iron and other property belonging to said railroads.

Mr. Huffinan, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to incorporate the Georgetown Seminary," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Pratt, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act providing as to the time when acts passed by the Legislature shall be in force," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1844.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bergen.

Mr. Strong presented the petition of Isaac Scarrit and 140 other citizens of Madison county, praying the appointment of a Chaplain to the Penitentiary of the State and for other purposes; which, without reading, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on the Penitentiary.

Mr. Strong presented the memorial of Nimrod Dorsey, respecting the Penitentiary, which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the Penitentiary.

A communication from the Governor, transmitting the report of the acting Canal Commissioner, and accompanying documents, by Mr. Campbell, Secretary of State.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to lay before the House of Representatives, a communication from the Governor.

Mr. Hanson presented the petition of sundry citizens of Coles county, praying for "An act for the relief of Alfred Jones," the petition without reading, was, on his motion referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Thompson, from the Committee on Elections, to which was referred a bill for "An act to amend an act directing the mode of electing Electors of President and Vice President of the United States," approved January 11, 1827, reported the same back to the House with an amendment which was read and concurred in; and the bill as amended, was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Loop presented the petition of 140 inhabitants of Kane county, praying the incorporation of a company to construct a plank road from Rockford to Chicago, which was read, and on his motion, referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Lott, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a resolution fixing the compensation of Masters in Chancery, reported a bill for "An act fixing the compensation of Masters in Chancery," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Yates, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to provide for partition of lands, and for setting apart dower," reported the same back to the House, with an amendment as a substitute; which was read and concurred in. The bill as amended, was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that they have adopted the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That the Auditor of Public Accounts make out, without delay, a list of the names of all the collectors of the State revenue, who have failed to pay over the same, according to law; together with the amount chargeable against each of said collectors, and that he deliver the same to the Attorney General.

Resolved, That said Attorney General be required to commence suits on the first day of February next, against each of said delinquent collectors.

In the adoption of which, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Hanson, from the Committee on Counties, to which was referred a bill for "An act entitled an act to permanently locate the county seat of the county of Alexander," reported the same back to the House without amendment, and recommended its passage; the bill was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Parrish, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of J. Freeland, a private in the revolutionary war, asking for relief, reported the same back to the House, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, which was granted.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The petition was then laid on the table.

Mr. Robbins, from the select committee to which was referred a bill for "An act to locate a State road herein named," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Sangamon,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of abolishing the office of Public Administrators, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of advertising (as fraudulently obtained) the State bonds hypothecated with or sold to McAllister & Stebbins, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Robbins,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State procure for the use of the Committee on Counties of this House, a sectional map of this State, showing, as nearly as possible the boundaries of the several counties; which map shall be returned at the close of this General Assembly, by the Committee to the said Secretary, who shall preserve the same for the future use of this House.

On motion of Mr. McDonald,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Penitentiary have power to send for persons and papers, if, in their opinion, the same be necessary in investigating matters relating to the Penitentiary.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lawrence,

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to lay before this House, at his earliest convenience, such information as he has in his possession concerning the late difficulties and military operations in Hancock county.

On motion of Mr. Sharp,

Resolved, That his Excellency, the Governor, be respectfully requested to communicate to this House:

1st. Whether he has appointed any person to revise the laws of this State, preparatory to the action of the present General Assembly upon that subject.

2d. If no such appointment has been made, whether any progress has been made in preparing such revision by any person.

3d. Whether, in either case, such a compilation or revision as is suggested in his message, can be made during the present session.

4th. And also communicate to this House his views upon the mode in which, in his opinion, such revision should be made; and whether, in his opinion, any material alterations or amendments are necessary in the existing laws of this State of a general nature.

5th. And such other facts and suggestions as he may deem useful to this House in its consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the law regulating the duties of Public Administrators, so as to prevent them from administering where it is not required.

On motion of Mr. Leighton,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of a full and complete revision of the laws of this State by the present Legislature; and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The resolution submitted some days since, by Mr. Smith of Sangamon, relative to regulating the temperature of the Hall, was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Davis of Williamson, moved to postpone the further consideration of said resolution until the 4th day of July next.

Mr. Thompson moved to refer said resolution to the Committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Denning moved to refer the same to the Committee of the whole House, and make it the order of the day for Saturday next.

Mr. Hanson moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question was then taken on the several motions mentioned above, and decided in the negative. The question was then taken upon the adoption of the resolution, and decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be required to enquire into the expediency of so amending the law in regard to the settlement of estates, as to give the probate justices of the peace, power to order the sale of real estate, upon application of the executor or administrator, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The communication this day received from the Governor, was taken up with the accompanying documents, for consideration, and

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

Laid upon the table, and four hundred copies ordered to be printed for the use of the two Houses.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State, as ex-officio State sealer of weights and measures, report to this House, at as early a day as possible, whether the provisions of an act entitled "An act to regulate weights and measures," approved March 4th, 1843, have been complied with, especially the 8th and 9th sections of said act.

Mr. Wood submitted the following preamble and resolution, which were read and adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, It may so happen that a female may be confined in the Penitentiary of this State; and whereas, there is no separate place for them; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on the Penitentiary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of having some suitable place erected for their convenience within the Penitentiary; and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Barnsback offered for adoption the following preamble and resolutions, viz:

WHEREAS, Great complaints are made that the existing laws against trespassing by cutting and carrying off timber have proved ineffectual, by reason that such trespasses are usually committed by irresponsible persons; Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary enquire into the expediency of enacting a law that the wilful cutting and carrying off of timber, without the permission of the owner, shall be considered larceny, and punished as such.

Resolved, That said committee further inquire into the expediency of enacting a law making the person who shall buy or receive timber, knowing it to have been cut or taken without permission of the owner, responsible to the owner for the same.

Resolved, That said committee further inquire into the expediency of declaring by law that no sale of land for taxes shall justify the purchaser in cutting or taking timber from the same until the expiration of two years from the sale of such land for taxes.

Mr. Blair called for a division of the question, so as to take the vote first on the first resolution.

Mr. Hanson moved to amend said preamble and resolutions, by adding the following as an additional resolution, viz:

Resolved, Also, That said committee shall not report any bill to prevent bee hunters and coon hunters from cutting bee trees and especially coon trees, wherever they may find them. When,

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Said preamble and resolutions, together with the proposed amendment, were laid upon the table.

Mr. Smith of Sangamon, offered for adoption the following resolution, which was not agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Retrenchment be requested to examine into the expediency and economy of printing the journals of each House, during the sessions of the General Assembly, and that a copy of the journals be distributed to each member of the General Assembly, in sheets, whenever a sheet thereof is printed.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act for the relief of John Walsh;" and a bill for "An act for the benefit of schools of township eight, north of range six east, in Effingham county."

On motion of Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That the Committee on Manufactures and Agriculture be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so changing the labor of the convicts in the Penitentiary of the State, that the same shall be employed in whole or in part, in the manufacture of hemp, flax, and tobacco—the raw material to be procured, as far as practicable, from the State of Illinois.

Mr. Nye, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to regulate mortgages on personal property."

On motion of Mr. Butler,

Resolved, That the Committee on Retrenchment be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so reducing the fees of the several clerks of the circuit courts, that the amount of fees to which each clerk now is or may hereafter be entitled by law, shall not exceed the sum of eight hundred dollars per annum; and also of the expediency of requiring the remainder of the fees to which said clerks may be entitled, to be paid into the county treasury of their respective counties, for the purpose of paying jurors' fees.

Mr. Woollard proposed for adoption the following preamble and resolution, viz:

WHEREAS, From the Auditor's report, it appears that there is now and will be, two dollars of revenue for every one of Auditor's Warrants issued for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Government, ordinary and extraordinary—

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reducing the present rate of taxation, so as to meet the necessary expense of the State Government, and no more.

Mr. Ross moved to amend the resolution by inserting the words "or apply the surplus towards the completion of the Illinois and Michigan Canal," when

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The resolution and proposed amendment were laid on the table, and Then the House adjourned until two o'clock, P. M.

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Backenstos, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to provide for the payment of cost in criminal cases;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Starkweather, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to locate a State road from Little Rock, in Kane county, to the steam mill bridge on the Des Plaines river in Cook county.

On motion,
The House adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 1844.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dresser.

Mr. Loop presented the memorial of Alfred Shattuck, which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

Referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Parrish, from the Committee on claims, to which was referred a communication from the clerk of the circuit court of Franklin county, on the subject of restoring the records, &c., of said county, reported a bill for "An act to restore the records of Franklin county;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a bill for "An act to incorporate the Illinois Literary and Historical Society," reported the same back to the House with sundry amendments, which were read and concurred in, and the bill as amended

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Hannaford, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred a bill for "An act to repeal 'an act to enable the inhabitants of school townships in Hancock county, to purchase the school lands therein, and for other purposes,'" reported the same back to the House without amendment, and recommended its passage. The bill was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Janney, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to amend 'an act entitled an act to exempt certain articles from execution,'" reported the same back to the House with an amendment as a substitute, which was read and concurred in, and the bill, as amended, was

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On motion of Mr. Tunnel,

The bill and proposed substitute were recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to amend the proposed substitute so as to extend the benefit of said act to families after the death of parents.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Engrossed bills reported, as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles, viz:

A bill for "An act fixing the compensation of jurors."

A bill for "An act to amend an act directing the mode of electing Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, approved January 11th, 1827."

A bill for "An act to authorise the recorder of Jackson county, to enter of record certain deeds or other instruments in writing herein named."

A bill for "An act requiring county orders to be countersigned by county treasurers."

A bill for "An act to locate a State road herein named."

A bill for "An act entitled an act to permanently locate the county seat of the county of Alexander."

Mr. Hendry, from the Committee to which was referred the resolution in relation to abolishing the Military Academy at West Point, reported the same back to the House, with an amendment as a substitute, which was read and concurred in. The resolution, as amended, was then adopted.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so providing by law, as that those persons who now have improvements upon lands entered by the State of Illinois, under the law establishing a general system of Internal Improvements, may purchase the same at the Government price, of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, with interest thereon, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, from the entry of the same by said State.

Mr. Denning offered for adoption the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives elect an Assistant Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk, on Thursday, the 19th instant, at 2 o'clock, P. M., who shall enter upon the duties of his office when business may require it.

Mr. Cochran moved to strike out "two o'clock," and insert the following, viz: "that the House do now proceed."

Mr. Ross moved to refer the resolution and proposed amendment to the Committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Blair moved to amend Mr. Ross's motion, by adding, "with instructions to report said resolution to the House, when they find it necessary to employ an Assistant Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk."

Mr. Starne moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question then recurred on the motion made by Mr. Blair, to refer said resolution to the Committee on Retrenchment, with instructions, and was decided in the affirmative.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Campbell, Secretary of State:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to lay before the House of Representatives, a communication in writing.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate, to inform the House of Representatives, that they have passed a bill for "An act to repeal the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the city of Nauvoo,' approved December 16, 1840.

Ordered to a second reading.

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On motion of Mr. Tunnel,

The bill and proposed substitute were recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to amend the proposed substitute so as to extend the benefit of said act to families after the death of parents.

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A bill for "An act to authorise the recorder of Jackson county, to enter of record certain deeds or other instruments in writing herein named."

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Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so providing by law, as that those persons who now have improvements upon lands entered by the State of Illinois, under the law establishing a general system of Internal Improvements, may purchase the same at the Government price, of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, with interest thereon, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, from the entry of the same by said State.

Mr. Denning offered for adoption the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives elect an Assistant Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk, on Thursday, the 19th instant, at 2 o'clock, P. M., who shall enter upon the duties of his office when business may require it.

Mr. Cochran moved to strike out "two o'clock," and insert the following, viz: "that the House do now proceed."

Mr. Ross moved to refer the resolution and proposed amendment to the Committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Blair moved to amend Mr. Ross's motion, by adding, "with instructions to report said resolution to the House, when they find it necessary to employ an Assistant Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk."

Mr. Starne moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question then recurred on the motion made by Mr. Blair, to refer said resolution to the Committee on Retrenchment, with instructions, and was decided in the affirmative.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Campbell, Secretary of State:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to lay before the House of Representatives, a communication in writing.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate, to inform the House of Representatives, that they have passed a bill for "An act to repeal the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the city of Nauvoo,' approved December 16, 1840.

In the passage of which, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Brinkley offered for adoption the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into certain contracts, namely—that the contract entered into by Charles Oakley and Moses M. Rawlings, Fund Commissioners of the State of Illinois, with John Delafield on the 7th day of May, 1839, for the sale to the said Delafield of two hundred and eighty-three bonds of one thousand dollars each. The contract entered into by Moses M. Rawlings, Charles Oakley, and John Tillson, jr., Fund Commissioners of the State of Illinois, with the Erie county bank, in the city of Buffalo, on the 26th day of September, 1839, for the sale to the said bank, of one hundred State bonds of one thousand dollars each. The contract entered into by said Rawlings, Oakley and Tillson, with the Bank of Commerce in Buffalo, on the 27th day of September, 1839, for the sale to the said bank, of one hundred State bonds of one thousand dollars each. The contract entered into by said Rawlings, Oakley and Tillson, with the Commercial Bank of Buffalo, on the 26th day of September, 1839, for the sale to the said bank, of one hundred State bonds of one thousand dollars each. The contract entered into by the said Rawlings, Oakley and Tillson, with the Atlantic Bank in the city of New York, for the sale to the said bank of one hundred and fifty State bonds of one thousand dollars each. The contract entered into by the said Rawlings, Oakley and Tillson, with A. H. Bangs for the sale to the said Bangs, of fifty State bonds for one thousand dollars each. The contract entered into by Moses M. Rawlings and Charles Oakley, Fund Commissioners of the State of Illinois, with John Wright, on the 22d day of August, 1839, by which they hypothecated to the said Wright, one thousand five hundred State bonds of one thousand dollars each; and to report to this House as early as convenient, by bill or otherwise.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the State of Illinois be requested to lay before the Committee on Finance, all bonds, vouchers, and papers, of every description in reference to said contracts.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

Said resolutions were laid upon the table.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Campbell, Secretary of State:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to lay before the House of Representatives a communication in writing.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Public Printers, in reply to a resolution of the House calling for information in regard to the expense of printing the Auditor's biennial report; which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

Laid upon the table.

The Speaker laid before the House, a communication from the Governor, received this morning, in reply to a resolution of the House, calling for information in regard to the State debt; which was read, when

Mr. Sharp moved to lay the same on the table.

Mr. Brinkley moved to refer it to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Yates moved to lay the communication on the table, and print the same for the use of the House; which was agreed to.

The Speaker also laid before the House a communication from the Gov-

ernor, received this morning, in reply to a resolution relative to the revision of the laws of this State; which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lawrence,

Resolved, That David Prickett, Esq., Bank Commissioner, be requested to report to this House at his earliest possible convenience—

1st. What amount of specie the Bank of Illinois at Shawneetown had on hand on the 25th day of February, in the year 1843?

2d. What amount of specie has since been paid out by said Bank, and on what account?

3d. What amount of specie has the Bank now on hand?

4th. What was the amount of debt due by the Bank on the 25th day of February, 1843?

5th. How much has that debt been since reduced?

6th. What was the circulation of the Bank on the 25th day of February, 1843; and what is it now?

7th. How much of the real estate of the Bank has been sold; what amount has been, or is to be, received from the same; and how much remains unsold; and what is the value of the same?

8th. What were the debts due, and assets of the Bank on the 25th day of February, 1843; what has been collected and realized of the same, and how much will or can be collected or realized hereafter?

9th. Has the Bank, or any of its officers been guilty of any violation of the act of January 25, 1843, entitled "An act to reduce the State debt one million of dollars, and put the Bank of Illinois into liquidation;" and if so, in what do such violations consist?

10th. What amount of certificates have been issued; and how much of them have since been taken up by the Bank?

11th. Have the officers and servants of the Bank been strictly and carefully examined, under oath, in relation to all such matters as pertain to the business transactions of said institution, in winding up its financial concerns?

12th. Whether any portion of specie has been taken from the vaults of the Bank for the purpose of purchasing its paper at a greatly depreciated value?

Mr. Deskinies offered for adoption the following resolution, which was read, viz:

Resolved, That the temperature of this Hall shall be at 70 degrees of Fahrenheit, until otherwise ordered by this House. When,

On motion,

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The resolutions from the Senate, requiring the Attorney General to sue delinquent collectors, were taken up for consideration.

Mr. Lockard moved to amend said resolutions by striking out "the first day of February," and inserting "the first day of May;" which was not agreed to.

Mr. Parrish moved to strike out "first day," and insert "fifteenth day;" which was not agreed to.

The question was then taken on concurring with the Senate in the adoption of said resolution, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time, and passed, viz:

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Rush Medical College;'" and

"An act to incorporate the University of St. Mary of the Lake."

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to locate a State road from Little Rock, in Kane county, to the steam mill bridge, on the Des Plaines river, in Cook county," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act for the benefit of schools of township eight, north of range six east, in Effingham county," was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Denning,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill for "An act entitled 'An act to permanently locate the county seat of the county of Alexander,'" was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act for the relief of John Walsh," was read the third time; when

Mr. Logan moved that said bill be recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Nye moved to instruct said Committee to so amend the bill, as only to release the security; which was not agreed to.

The bill was then recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The engrossed bill for "An act to regulate mortgages on personal property," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Wynne, a Senator:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate, to inform the House of Representatives, that they have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act concerning the counties of Union, Alexander and Pulaski," and

"An act to legalize the acts of certain assessors in this State."

In the passage of which, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The engrossed bill for "An act to locate a State road herein named," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill for "An act requiring county orders to be countersigned by county treasurers," was read the third time, and

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The engrossed bill for "An act to authorize the recorder of Jackson county, to enter of record certain deeds or other instruments in writing, herein named," coming up in the orders of the day,

On motion of Mr. Bradley,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence in its passage.

The engrossed bill for "An act to amend 'An act directing the mode of electing Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, approved January 11th, 1827,' " was read the third time, and

On motion of Mr. Tunnel,

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

The engrossed bill for "An act fixing the compensation of jurors," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

The bill for "An act concerning the records of the counties of Winnebago and Boone," was read a second time, when

On motion of Mr. Loop,

It was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act to provide for the payment of cost in criminal cases," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Blair,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act to locate a State road therein named," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Jewell,

Referred to the Committee on State Roads.

A bill for "An act to locate a State road from Batavia, in Kane county, to David Burnett's, in Du Page county," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Referred to the Committee on State Roads.

A bill for "An act supplemental to an act regulating the salaries, fees, compensation, &c., of officers therein named," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

Referred to the Committee on Retrenchment.

A bill for "An act to extend the time of redemption of any real estate, sold by virtue of any execution, attachment or mortgage," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act changing the mode of collecting the revenue of the State and counties," was read the second time; when

Mr. Butler moved to amend the bill by striking out the word "township," wherever it occurs in the bill, and insert the word "district."

Mr. Parrish moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Retrenchment; which was not agreed to. When,

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The bill and proposed amendment were referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill for "An act to provide for the appointment of prosecuting Attorneys in the several counties of this State," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Blair,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1844.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hale.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Wynne, a Senator.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate, to inform the House of Representatives that they have concurred with them in the adoption of a resolution providing for the appointment of a joint select committee, to examine into the books and papers pertaining to the Executive Departments, &c.

And have appointed Messrs. Matteson and Forman, the Committee on the part of the Senate.

They have also concurred with the House of Representatives in their resolution requesting the Secretary of State to transmit to our Senators and Representatives in Congress copies of "An act therein named."

And in their preamble and resolution in relation to a donation of land by the Congress of the United States, to aid in the completion in Illinois, of the National Road.

They have also concurred with them in their preamble and resolution for the appointment of a joint select committee to prepare a memorial to Congress praying that relief may be granted to such of the inhabitants of this State as have suffered by the late Mississippi and Illinois flood.

And have appointed Messrs. Ryan and Thompson the Committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Pratt presented the petition of A. Job, late State House Commissioner, praying compensation for services rendered as such commissioner; which was read, and, on his motion,

Referred to the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Ricks, for one week.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Leighton, for one week.

Mr. Pitner presented the petition of sundry citizens of Clay county, praying the appointment of a collector of revenue for the year 1843, and an extension of the time for collecting the revenue of said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Smith of Stephenson, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Carroll, Stephenson and Winnebago counties, praying the location of a

State Road from Galena to Chicago; which, without reading, was, on his motion,

Referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Hitt presented the petition of the inhabitants of township twenty-four, range nine east of the fourth principal meridian, in the county of Ogle, praying the passage of a law to alter the appraisement of the school section in said township; which, without reading, was, on his motion,

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Gregg, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill for "An act to amend an act to regulate the interest of money," approved Feb. 28, 1833, reported the same back to the House, and recommended its rejection.

Mr. Haley moved to refer said bill to the Committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Strong moved to refer the bill to the Committee of the Whole House, and make it the order of the day for Saturday week; which was agreed to.

Mr. Gregg, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill for "An act regulating the interest on money," reported the same back to the House and recommended its rejection.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

Said bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for Saturday week.

Mr. Gregg, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred a petition of sundry citizens of Hamilton county, praying a reduction of interest, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

Said petition was referred to the Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for Saturday week.

On motion of Mr. Yates,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Davis of McLean, and Mr. Matthews, for eight days.

Mr. Manning, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to change the name of William Asbury Kingman," reported the same back, and recommended its rejection.

The question was then taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, and decided in the negative.

Mr. Manning from the same committee, to which was referred a resolution relative to advertising, as fraudulently obtained, the State bonds hypothecated with, or sold to Macalister and Stebbins, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

Said resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Nye, from the Committee on Engrossed bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to repeal an act to enable the inhabitants of school townships in Hancock county, to purchase the school lands therein, and for other purposes."

Mr. Janney, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a resolution relative to giving Probate Justices power, in certain cases, to order the sale of real estate, reported the same back, and asked

to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Williamson,

Said resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Yates, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to change the name of the Bethel society of the Methodist Episcopal church in Morgan county, to that of Hebron Society;" reported the same back to the House with an amendment, which was read and concurred in; the bill as amended was then

Ordered, to be engrossed for a third reading.

A communication from the Governor, by Mr. Campbell, Secretary of State.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to lay before the House of Representatives a written communication.

Mr. Hicks, from the Committee on Retrenchment, to which was referred a bill for "An act entitled 'An act to fix the per diem wages of the members of this General Assembly,'" reported the same back to the House, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Nye moved to amend the bill by striking out the word "three," and inserting the word "two," which was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the call of Messrs. Alexander and Nye, as follows.

Those voting in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hannaford, Hanson, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Lott, McDonald, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Strong, Thompson, Turley, Wagner, White of Washington, Wilcox, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Yates and Mr. Speaker—68.

Those voting in the negative, are

Messrs. Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Blair, Cox, Gregg, Haley, Harper, Hendry, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Manning, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, O'Connor, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Steele, Stewart, Tunnel, Vedder, Vineyard, Warren, White of Scott, Wilkinson, Woollard, Youngkin and Zieber—39.

Mr. Cochran moved further to amend the bill by striking out the word "five," as the compensation to the Speakers of the two Houses, and insert the words, "three and fifty cents."

Mr. Hanson moved to amend the proposed amendment by striking out the words "and fifty cents," which was agreed to.

And then the House adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Secre-

tary of State, in reply to a resolution calling for information relative to weights and measures; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker also laid before the House a communication from the Governor, transmitting a report from N. H. Purple, Commissioner of the State Bank of Illinois; which was read, when,

Mr. Logan moved to refer the same to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Deskins,

Said communication, together with the accompanying document, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and,

Ordered to be printed for the use of the two Houses.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that they have concurred with the House in the adoption of a preamble and resolution instructing and requesting our members in Congress to use exertions for the compensation of certain individuals of this State, who suffered in the late British and Indian war.

They have also passed a bill entitled "An act to authorise the School commissioner of Cass county to distribute school funds," in the passage of which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Senate bill for "An act concerning the counties of Union, Alexander and Pulaski," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Bradley moved to dispense with the rule, so as to re-consider the vote taken this morning on the amendment to the bill for "An act to fix the per diem wages of the members of this General Assembly;" which was not agreed to.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time, and ordered to a second reading, viz:

"An act to legalize the acts of certain assessors in this State;" and

"An act to repeal the act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the City of Nauvoo,'" approved December 16, 1840.

A bill for "An act to change the mode of publishing the private acts and reports of the two Houses of the Legislature," was read the second time, when

Mr. Parrish moved to amend said bill by striking out the first three sections.

Mr. Smith of Sangamon moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Retrenchment.

On motion of Mr. Deskins,

Said bill and proposed amendment were laid on the table, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Smith of Sangamon and Kuykendall, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Bradley, Brinkley, Butler, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskins, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hanson, Harper, Hendry, Hick, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard,

Loop, Lott, Manning, Morrille, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Starne, Steele, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Wilkinson, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn and Zieber—60.

Those voting in the negative are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Babbitt, Barnsback, Boyakin, Brown, Campbell, Churchill, Cushman, Dunbar, Emerson, Haley, Hannaford, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hicks, Huffman, Logan, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Pratt, Randolph, Robbins, Ross, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams, Yates, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—46.

A bill for "An act providing as to the time when acts passed by the Legislature shall be in force," was read the second time; and,

On motion of Mr. Strong,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act concerning the manner of assessing property and collecting revenue," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill for "An act to restore the records of Franklin county," was read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On leave, Mr. Armstrong introduced a bill for "An act to authorise the School commissioner of La Salle county, to pay over certain moneys to the counties of Grundy and Kendall;" which was read the first time and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Retrenchment be instructed to report a bill so providing by law, as that all the private acts passed at each session of the General Assembly, and all local laws, shall be published in a separate unbound volume; and that three copies of the same may be distributed to each county in the State.

Mr. Churchill moved to amend said resolution by adding the following, viz:

"And that all acts shall be considered public, unless declared to be private by the Legislature."

Mr. Kuykendall moved to lay the resolution and proposed amendment on the table; which was agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Boyakin and Huffman, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Armstrong, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Bradley, Brinkley, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Deskings, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hanson, Harper, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lott, Manning, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago,

Morrille, Morris, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Reed, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Starne, Steele, Turley, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Williams, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Youngkin and Zieber.—54.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Babbitt, Barnsback, Boyakin, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Hannaford, Harriott, Henderson, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Lockard, Logan, M'Donald, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Pickering, Pratt Prevo, Robbins, Ross, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Strong, Thompson, Vineyard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Yates and Mr. Speaker.—47.

Mr. Arnold, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to incorporate Jubilee College," which was read the first time, and,

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule of the House was dispensed with and leave given him to introduce the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State report to the House of Representatives the condition of the Territorial and other records of Illinois, deposited in his office; whether any of those records are missing, and if so, what those are, and the cause of their absence, and whether in their present condition, they can be referred to with facility and correctness; also, whether the original manuscript copy of the Journal of the Convention which formed our Constitution, and of the Constitution itself, are still in his office.

The question was then taken on the adoption of said resolution, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Engrossed bills, reported as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles, viz:

A bill for "An act to amend an act for the speedy assignment of dower, and partition of real estate," approved February 6, 1827.

A bill for "An act to remove the seat of justice of Johnson county."

On motion of Mr. Nye.

Leave of absence for seven days was granted to Mr. Deskins.

Mr. Morrison, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to regulate the salaries, fees and compensation of the several officers and persons therein named."

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1844.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Edson.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Wynn:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that they have concurred with them in the adoption of a resolution recommending to the electors of this State, at the next general election for members of the General Assembly to vote for or against a Convention to amend the Constitution of this State; said resolution was

adopted by a vote of 31 to 9, being a constitutional majority of the Senate.

Mr. Starkweather, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles, viz:

A bill for "An act to incorporate the Illinois Literary and Historical Society."

A bill for "An act to amend 'An act exempting certain articles from execution.'"

A bill for "An act to amend 'An act relative to wills and testaments, executors and administrators, and the settlement of estates.'"

Mr. Lott presented the memorial of H. S. Cooley, late Quarter-Master General of the State of Illinois; which, without reading, was referred, on his motion, to the Committee on Claims.

The bill for "An act to fix the per diem wages of the members of the General Assembly," was taken up in its proper order; when,

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

Said bill was referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, with instructions so to amend the bill as to embrace all appropriations for the years 1844 and 1845.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Wynne, a Senator:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate, to inform the House of Representatives that they have concurred with them in the passage of the bills entitled, "An act to change the name of a person therein named;" and "An act authorising the survey of certain lands therein named."

The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to provide for the representation of certain counties therein named;"

"An act repealing a part of the law in relation to the decisions of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois;"

"An act concerning the private acts of the General Assembly;" and

"An act authorising the probate justice of the peace for Moultrie county to hold his office at his residence."

In the passage of which, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Logan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to regulate the mode of levying executions," reported the same back, with an amendment; which was read and concurred in.

Mr. Morrison moved to amend said bill, by inserting after the word "execution," in the first line of the third section, the following, viz: "issued on any judgment either in the circuit court, or before any justice of the peace in this State;" which was not agreed to.

Mr. Cochran moved to lay the bill on the table; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Blair moved to amend said bill, by striking out, in the first section, third line, the words "so much of:" and also, in the same section, the words, "as provides that the plaintiff in execution may elect on what property he will have the same levied;"

Pending which motion,

The House adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1844.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Richmond.

A Message from the Governor, by Mr. Campbell, Secretary of State:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor, to lay before the House of Representatives, a communication in writing.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to restore the records of Franklin county."

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, until Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Pratt until Thursday next.

Mr. Huffman presented the petition of the citizens of Georgetown and vicinity, in the county of Vermilion, praying the passage of an act to incorporate a Seminary; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Strong presented the petition of Samuel Clough and 165 others of the county of Madison, praying that the mode of employing the convicts in the Penitentiary may be changed; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the Penitentiary.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Sangamon,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. White of Menard, for one week.

On motion of Mr. Lott,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Miller of Adams, for one week.

Mr. Wagner moved a call of the House; which was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Yates,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Matthews, until Thursday next.

Mr. Smith of Bureau, presented the petition of Hugh Feeny, a citizen of Bureau county, praying for the passage of an act authorising him to construct a certain road therein described, and to receive toll thereon. Also, the petition of 303 citizens of Bureau county, praying the passage of an act to authorise Hugh Feeny to construct a road in said county, and to receive toll thereon, which, without reading, were, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Vineyard presented the petition of citizens of the counties of Pope and Hardin, praying the location of a State road from Golconda, in Pope county, to Elizabethtown, in Hardin county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Yates, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of J. R. Hall and 48 other citizens of Wayne county, praying the passage of a special act for the relief of William V. Shepherd, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Yates,

Said petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Arnold, from the Committee on Finance, to which was recommended a bill for "An act for the relief of John Walsh," reported the same back, with an amendment; which was read, and the bill, as amended, was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Miller, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to provide for the appointment of prosecuting attorneys in the several counties of this State," reported the same back, and recommended its rejection.

The question was then taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, and decided in the negative.

Mr. Logan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a resolution relative to an alteration of the law regulating the duties of public administrators, and a resolution as to the expediency of abolishing that office, reported a bill for "An act to limit the duties of public administrators;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Logan from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a resolution relative to the expediency of limiting the jurisdiction of justices of the peace and constables to their respective districts, reported a bill for "An act to limit the jurisdiction of justices of the peace," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Thompson, from the Committee on Elections, to which was committed a bill for "An act to amend 'An act directing the mode of electing Electors of President and Vice President of the United States,' approved January 11th, 1827," reported the same back without amendment; when the question was taken upon the passage of said bill, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the title of the bill be as aforesaid; and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Logan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an engrossed bill for "An act requiring county orders to be countersigned by county treasurers," reported the same back, with an amendment, which was read and concurred in; when,

The bill, as amended, was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Lott, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to extend the time of redemption of any real estate sold by virtue of any execution, attachment, or mortgage," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its rejection.

Mr. Blair moved to postpone the further consideration of said bill indefinitely; when,

On motion of Mr. Hicks,

The bill was referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Hicks, Morris, Armstrong, Kuykendall and Duntar be that committee.

Mr. Manning, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to authorise James Lawrence and James B. Anderson to collect certain taxes," reported the same back, and recommended its passage; when the said bill was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate, to inform the House of

Representatives, that they have concurred with them in the passage of a bill entitled "An act for the relief of George Richards."

The Senate have received a special message from the Governor, in relation to the disturbances in Hancock county, and have ordered the printing of 2500 copies thereof, for the use of the General Assembly.

Mr. Manning, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act providing as to the time when acts passed by the Legislature shall be in force," reported the same back to the House, with an amendment, which was read.

Mr. Strong moved to amend the proposed amendment of the Committee, by striking out "three months," and inserting "ninety days;" which was agreed to. The amendment as amended, was then agreed to; and the bill, as amended, was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Starne, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill for "An act for the relief of James Robertson," reported the same back to the House, and recommended its rejection.

The question was taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, and decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Starkweather for one week.

The bill for "An act to regulate the mode of levying executions," coming up in its proper order, the question recurring on the pending amendment proposed by Mr. Blair, before the question was taken on the said amendment,

Mr. Robbins moved to refer the bill and proposed amendment to a select committee of five.

Mr. White of Scott, moved the previous question.

When the House adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The message from the Governor, which was received this day, relative to the disturbances in Hancock county, was read, and

On motion of Mr. Blair,

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Treasurer, which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

Laid on the table.

Senate bill for "An act to authorise the school commissioner of Cass county to distribute school funds," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill read the second and third times by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act to provide for the representation of certain counties therein named," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Senate bill for "An act repealing a part of the law in relation to the decisions of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Senate bill for "An act concerning the private acts of the General Assembly," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Senate bill for "An act authorising the probate justice of the peace for Moultrie county, to hold his office at his residence," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Senate bill for "An act to legalize the acts of certain assessors in this State," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill for "An act concerning the counties of Union, Alexander and Pulaski," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Denning,

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Denning, Cochran and Vineyard, be that Committee.

Senate bill for "An act to repeal the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the city of Nauvoo,'" approved December 16th, 1840, was read the second time, when

Mr. Babbitt moved its reference to the Committee on Banks and Corporations; which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Cox, for one week.

On motion of Mr. Sharp,

Leave of absence was given to Mr. Pitner, for four days.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

Leave of absence was given to Mr. Bradley, for one week.

Engrossed bill for "An act to repeal 'An act to enable the inhabitants of school townships in Hancock county, to purchase the school lands therein, and for other purposes,'" was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Leave of absence was given to Mr. Sharp, for one week.

Engrossed bill for "An act to amend 'An act for the speedy assignment of dower, and partition of real estate,'" approved February 6th, 1827, was read the third time; when

Mr. Logan moved to amend the bill by adding the following, viz: "but if the major part does not lie in any one county, the partition may be had in any county in which any of the lands lie;" which was agreed to.

The bill was then passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Engrossed bill for "An act to amend 'An act in relation to wills and

testaments, executors and administrators, and the settlement of estates," was read the third time, and

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Engrossed bill for "An act to remove the seat of justice of Johnson county," coming up, when

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Engrossed bill for "An act to amend an act exempting certain articles from execution," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate, to inform the House of Representatives, that they have passed bills of the following titles:

"An act to authorise the county of Kane to levy an extra tax for county purposes;"

"An act for the relief of William Moss;"

"An act concerning the location of a road therein named;"

"An act for the relief of the securities of Richard J. Hill, deceased;" and

"An act vacating part of a street in the town of St. Charles, in Kane county."

In the passage of which, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of bills of the following titles:

"An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act to incorporate Shawnee city;' and

"An act to relocate part of the State road leading from Griggsville, in Pike county, to the Mississippi river."

The Senate have also concurred with the House of Representatives, in the passage of a bill for "An act to permanently fix the seat of justice of McHenry county," as amended by them.

In which amendment, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have further concurred with the House of Representatives in the adoption of their resolution, on the subject of the reformation of abuses in the Military Academy at West Point.

Engrossed bill for "An act to incorporate the Illinois Literary and Historical Society," was read the third time, and

On motion of Mr. Strong,

Amended by adding the following proviso, viz:

"*Provided*, That the Legislature shall at no time so alter, amend, or repeal this act, as to divert the property or income of said institution, or any portion thereof, from the uses and purposes for which, under the provisions of this act, the same may have been donated or acquired."

The bill, as amended, was then passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act entitled 'An act authorising the school commissioner of La Salle county to pay over certain moneys, to the counties of Grundy and Kendall,'" was read the second time, and

On motion of Armstrong,

Referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill for "An act to incorporate Jubilee College," coming up, on its second reading,

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The rule of the House was dispensed with and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Leave of absence was given to Mr. Babbitt, for eight days.

A bill for "An act to regulate the salaries, fees, and compensation of the several officers and persons therein named," introduced some days since by Mr. Morrison, coming up for consideration, on his motion, the same was read the first time by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Jackson of McHenry, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to authorise Henry Dodd and George Early to build a dam across Fox river, in the county of McHenry;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Butler, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act making appropriations for the years 1844 and 1845;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Cox, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to provide for the collection of debts," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Hardie, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to regulate elections;'" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Campbell, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to remove certain mill-dams therein named;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Henderson, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to change the time of holding courts in the fifth judicial circuit,'" approved March 4th, 1843; which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Logan, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to extend the right of redemption of real estate under decrees in chancery;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Steele, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act for the collection of taxes in Perry county, for the year 1843;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Prevo, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to provide for the re-weighing of salt, and for other purposes;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Nye, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to change the name of the Bethel society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Morgan county, to that of Hebron Society."

Mr. Arnold offered for adoption the following resolution, which was read, viz:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That this Hall be granted, every Monday night at candle lighting, to "the lobby," to hold meetings and to hear the annual message of the honorable the Speaker of the lobby; and that every Thursday night, the Hall be granted to the Temperance Society, without cost or charge.

Mr. Boyakin moved to lay said resolution on the table; which was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Wood and Cochran, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Benedict, Boyakin, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Funkhouser, Gregg, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Kirkpatrick, Morris, Prevo, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Steele, Thompson, Turley, Woollard, Wood, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—29.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Blair, Brinkley, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Tunnel, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, White of Washington, Wilkinson, Williams, Woodburn, Yates and Youngkin.—74.

Mr. Gregg moved to strike out the word "honorable" in said resolution.

Mr. Sexton moved to refer said resolution to the Committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Smith of Sangamon, moved the previous question; which was agreed to by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Benedict and Strong, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Blair, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Jewell, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pickering, Pitner, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Steele, Stewart, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, White of Washington, Wilkinson, Williams, Woodburn, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—67.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Harper, Hendry, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Morris, Oglesby, Parrish, Prevo, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Bureau, Strong, Thompson, Woollard, Wood, Yates and Zieber.—35.

Mr. Jackson of McHenry, moved that the House do now adjourn; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Jackson of McHenry and Thompson, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Babbitt, Benedict, Boyakin, Brown, Butler, Cochran, Funkhouser, Gregg, Harper, Hendry, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Parrish, Prevo, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Steele, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, Woollard, Wood, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—31.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Blair, Brinkley, Campbell, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morille, Nye, Oglesby, Pickering, Pitner, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Sexton, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Warren, White of Scott, White of Washington, Wilkinson, Williams, Woodburn, Yates and Youngkin.—68.

The question was then taken upon Mr. Sexton's motion to refer said resolution to the Committee on Retrenchment, and decided in the negative.

The question then recurred upon Mr. Gregg's motion to strike out the word "honorable," and decided in the negative.

Mr. Ross called for a division of the question, so as to take the vote first on the proposition to grant the use of the hall to "the lobby;" when the question was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Gregg and Zieber, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Fletcher, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Myers, Nye, Parrish, Pitner, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, White of Washington, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woodburn, Yates and Mr. Speaker.—62.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin,

Brinkley, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Emerson, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hendry, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Kirkpatrick, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, O'Connor, Oglesby, Pickering, Prevo, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Strong, Thompson, Turley, Woollard, Wood, Youngkin and Zieber.—39.

The question was then taken on granting the use of the Hall to the Temperance Society, and decided in the affirmative; when,

On motion,
The House adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1844.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bergen.

On motion,

Leave of absence was granted, for one week, to Messrs. Myers, Armstrong, Blair, Burnett, Miller of Fulton, Jackson of Stark, Wilkinson, White of Scott, Metz, Hanson, Dunbar, Randolph and Nye.

On motion,

Leave of absence was granted, for ten days, to Mr. Hitt.

Mr. O'Connor presented the petition of sundry citizens of the counties of La Salle and Lee, praying the location of a State road from La Salle, in La Salle county, to the Inlet Grove, in Lee county; which was read, and,

On his motion,

Referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Arnold presented the petition of E. H. Mulford and others, asking for the passage of a law enabling them to drain a marsh; which, without reading, was,

On his motion,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hardie presented the petition of E. Stanard, and 15 others, praying the passage of a law to authorise the people of the fourth school district in township fifteen north, range one west, in Mercer county, to raise a tax for erecting a school house; which without reading, was,

On his motion,

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Huffman presented the petition of the inhabitants of township eighteen north, ranges ten and eleven west, in Vermilion county, praying to be attached to a school district therein named; which, without reading, was,

On his motion,

Referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill for "An act to regulate the mode of levying executions," coming up for consideration in its proper order, the motion pending for the previous question was withdrawn.

Mr. White of Scott moved to postpone the further consideration of said bill until Thursday week next: when,

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Robbins, on yesterday, to refer the bill to a select committee, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Messrs. Robbins, Tunnel, Dunbar, Ross and Logan, be that committee.

Mr. Gregg, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred a resolution relative to the collectors paying over the specific funds received by them for taxes, reported a bill for "An act to prevent speculation in the collection of the public revenue;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Dunbar, from the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, to which was referred a resolution relative to Public Printers charging for constructive composition, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to.

Mr. Cushman, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill for "An act to reduce the expenses of collecting the public revenue;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title; when,

On motion of Mr. Zieber,

Said bill was re-committed to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Lockard, from the Committee on Roads, to which was referred a petition of certain citizens of the counties of Jasper, Cumberland and Clark, for a State road, reported a bill for "An act to establish a State road from St. Mary's, in Jasper county, to Cumberland, in Clark county;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Boyakin, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a resolution on the subject of imprisonment for debt, reported a bill for "An act for the further restriction of imprisonment for debt;" which was read the first time, and,

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Youngkin, from the Select Committee, to which was referred a resolution upon the subject of removing obstructions to the navigation of the Little Wabash river, made a report accompanied with a bill for "An act in relation to the Little Wabash river;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

Resolved, That as to-morrow will be the festival of Christmas, the House of Representatives will hold no session on that day, but when it adjourns will adjourn to Thursday.

On motion of Mr. Herndon,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State inform this House how much money has been expended in repairing the roof of the State House in the years of 1813 and '41—how much has been expended for materials for such repairs—how much paid to workmen, with the names of said workmen.

On motion of Mr. Wagner,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expe-

diency of clerks of county Commissioners' Courts issuing State licenses to all pedlars of clocks, dry goods, &c., and pay the amount of such tax over to collectors of taxes for State purposes, and if considered expedient, draft a bill to that effect.

Mr. Campbell proposed for adoption the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to communicate to this House at his earliest convenience, his opinions as to the propriety or impropriety of authorising by law, the removal of the mill dams at Carmi and New Haven, and whether a numerous portion of our citizens, whose only outlet to market is the Little Wabash, would not be greatly benefited by thus improving the navigation of said river; and also whether the mills at Carmi and New Haven, are not in a very dilapidated situation; how much of said property is now owned by the State, and whether the interest owned by the State in said property has proved a source of revenue or expense; and whether said property was not purchased by the State for the express purpose of authorising by law, the removal of said obstructions.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

A call of the House was ordered, and after some progress made therein, Mr. Arnold moved to dispense with further proceedings under the call, which was not agreed to, and after some time spent therein,

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

Further proceedings under the call was dispensed with, when

On motion of Mr. Hick,

The resolution was laid on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have adopted the following:

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate respectfully request the Hon. the House of Representatives, to cause to be returned to the Senate, the preamble and resolution concurred in by the Senate on yesterday, on the subject of the Military Academy at West Point, for the further action of the Senate thereon.

On motion of Mr. Reed,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Penitentiary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repealing the 21st section of the act entitled "An act in relation to the Penitentiary," approved 2d March, 1839. Also of repealing the 5th section of the act entitled "An act in relation to the Penitentiary," approved 2d of March, 1813; and to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Davis of Williamson, offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter, nine o'clock, A. M. shall be the standing hour of adjournment.

Mr. Hick moved to lay said resolution on the table; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Morris and Reed, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Backenstos, Benedict, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Dunbar, Fletcher, Gregg, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, Miller of Winnebago, O'Connor, Parrish, Pickering,

Randolph, Sherman, Strong, Tunnel, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, Wilcox, Williams, Woollard, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker—39.

Those voting in the negative are,

Messrs. Alexander, Arenz, Barnsback, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Cochran, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Emerson, Funkhouser, Haley, Hendry, Herndon, Huffman, Jackson of Stark, Kirkpatrick, Lockard, McDonald, Metz, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Nye, Oglesby, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Steele, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, White of Scott, Wood, Youngkin and Zieber.—46.

Mr. Smith of Sangamon moved to amend said resolution, by striking out "hereafter," and inserting "after the first day of January;" when,

Mr. Benedict moved that the House do now adjourn; which was agreed to by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Boyakin and Huffman, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Butler, Collins, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Kuykendall, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Steele, Strong, Tunnel, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams, Woollard, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker.—49.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Arenz, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Funkhouser, Hendry, Herndon, Huffman, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Lockard, Loop, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, O'Connor, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Bureau, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, White of Washington, Wood, Youngkin and Zieber.—39.

So the House adjourned till Thursday morning.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1844.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Dresser.

On motion,

Leave of absence was granted for ten days, to Mr. Sherman.

On motion,

Leave of absence, until Monday, was granted to Mr. Wilcox.

On motion,

Leave of absence, until Tuesday, was granted to Messrs. Vedder and Tunnel.

There being no quorum present,

The House then adjourned.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1844.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hale.

On motion,

Leave of absence, until Monday next, was granted to Mr. Cloud, Principal Clerk of the House.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

A call of the House was ordered; and, after some time spent therein, on his motion, further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

On motion,

Leave of absence, until Monday next, was granted to Messrs. Arenz and Hardie.

Mr. Rawlings moved that the House do now adjourn; which was agreed to by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Backenstos and Kuykendall, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Brinkley, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Hendry, Herndon, Hick of Gallatin, Hicks, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, Matthews, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, O'Connor, Rawlings, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Steele, Stewart, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Menard, Williams, Woollard, Wood, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—51.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Boyakin, Brown, Campbell, Cochran, Cushman, Denning, Funkhouser, McDonald, Oglesby, Parrish, Reed, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Thompson, Turley, White of Washington and Woodburn.—21.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1844.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Dresser.

On motion,

Leave of absence, until Wednesday next, was granted to Mr. Fletcher.

On motion,

Leave of absence, until Monday next, was granted to Mr. Backenstos.

Mr. Boyakin moved a call of the House.

Mr. Pickering moved that the House do now adjourn; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Boyakin and Smith of Bureau, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Barnsback, Butler, Churchill, Lott and O'Connor.—5.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Emerson, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick of Gallatin, Hicks,

Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Logan, Loop, McDonald, Matthews, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Oglesby, Parrish, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Turley, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Washington, Williams, Wood, Woodburn and Youngkin.—61.

Mr. Collins moved a call of the House, which was ordered; and after some time spent therein,

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with; when,

On motion,

The House adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1844.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Richmond.

Mr. Reed presented the petition of sundry citizens of Richland county, praying the location of a certain State road therein described; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Stewart presented the petition of sundry citizens of the counties of Cook and Kane, praying the relocation of a certain State road therein described; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Pickering presented the petition of sundry citizens of Edwards county, praying the removal, by law, of certain obstructions to the navigation of the Little Wabash river; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Lott presented three petitions from sundry citizens of Adams county, praying the repeal of the law creating the county of Marquette; which without reading, were, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Smith of Sangamon, presented the petition of Ezra Lyman and twenty-eight others, concerning the rights of colored persons; which was read, when,

Mr. Smith of Sangamon moved to refer said petition to the Committee on the Judiciary; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Smith of Sangamon demanded the yeas and nays on the reference; which was not seconded.

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

The petition was laid on the table until the fourth day of July.

Mr. O'Connor moved a call of the House, which was ordered; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. O'Connor moved to dispense with further proceedings under the call; which was not agreed to.

The call was then proceeded in for some time; when,

On motion of Mr. Starne,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles, viz:

“An act for the relief of John Walsh;”

"An act requiring county orders to be countersigned by county treasurers;"

"An act to amend 'an act for the speedy assignment of dower and partition of real estate,' " approved February 6th, 1827;

"An act providing as to the time when acts passed by the Legislature shall be in force;" and

"An act to authorise James Lawrence and James B. Anderson to collect certain taxes."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that they have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, the House concurring herein, That a Joint committee, consisting of two on the part of the Senate, and three on the part of the House, be appointed—the same to be styled the Joint standing committee on Change of Names, to whom shall be referred all petitions for that purpose, to be reported near the close of the session in form of a bill, including all names so changed, thereby condensing the subject, avoiding "vain repetitions," and useless expenditure.

They have appointed Messrs. Thompson and Nunnally the committee on their part.

The Senate have also adopted the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, The sixteenth section, commonly known as the school section, in many of the townships of this State are situate in large prairies, remote from timber, and from other causes, are so worthless as to render wholly abortive the object contemplated by the grant of such sections to the inhabitants of this State: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That our Representatives in Congress be requested, and our Senators instructed to use their most strenuous exertions to secure the passage of a general law by the present Congress, authorising and empowering the inhabitants of townships laboring under the difficulty contemplated in this resolution, upon relinquishing their interest in said sixteenth sections to the Government of the United States, to enter a corresponding number of acres of land in lieu thereof, in the name of the trustees of schools of said township, at the land office at which lands in the said district of the United States in which said township is situate, are subject to entry.

Resolved, That the Governor of this State be respectfully requested to forward to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, a copy of this preamble and resolutions.

• In the adoption of which, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have concurred with the House in the passage of a bill for

"An act to authorise the recorder of Jackson county to enter of record certain deeds, or other instruments in writing, herein named."

Mr. Hick presented the petition of John Siddall, Joseph Hayes and others, praying for relief; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Morrille presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of township 29 and 30 north, range one east of the third principal meridian, in the county of Marshall, praying that an act may be passed, giving them their proportion of school funds of La Salle county, for the years 1843, 1844

and 1845; which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Logan presented the petition of Thomas Morgan, praying for relief; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Stewart presented the petition of John Calhoun and others, praying for a law to define the boundaries of State street, in the city of Chicago; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Jackson of McHenry, from the Committee on State Roads, to which was referred a bill for "An act to locate a State road therein named," reported the same back with an amendment, as a substitute, which was read and concurred in; when the bill, as amended, was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Jackson of McHenry, from the Committee on State Roads, to which was referred a bill for "An act declaring a certain road in Scott county a State road," reported the same back, with an amendment as a substitute, which was read and concurred in; when the bill, as amended, was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Hicks, from the Committee on Retrenchment, to which was referred a resolution relative to the employment of a porter about the State House, reported that it was expedient to employ said porter during the session of the two Houses, but not longer; and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to.

Mr. Arnold, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the petition of A. Garrett, George W. Dole and others, asking an alteration of the charter of the city of Chicago, reported a bill for "An act limiting the power of taxation in the city of Chicago;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Hicks, from the Committee on Retrenchment, to which was referred a resolution relative to the election of an assistant Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to.

Mr. Hicks, from the Committee on Retrenchment, to which was referred a resolution calling upon the Judges of the Supreme Court to remit a portion of their salaries, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to.

Mr. Boyakin moved to lay said resolution on the table until Monday week.

Mr. Arnold moved to lay the resolution on the table; which was agreed to by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Boyakin and Hicks, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Adams, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Emerson, Haley, Hannaford, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Huffman, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Parrish, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Scott of De Witt, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather,

Starne, Stewart, Strong, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, Wilcox, Williams and Youngkin.—48.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskins, Funkhouser, Hendry, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Morris, Morrison, O'Connor, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Bureau, Steele, Thompson, Turley, Vineyard, White of Washington, Whiteside, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker.—36.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to incorporate the Illinois Literary and Historical Society."

On motion of Mr. Robbins,

Resolved, That the Auditor of Public Accounts and State Treasurer inform this House, whether the defalcation that was made in their office in the year 1842, by a deposit of false warrants amounting to three thousand three hundred and nine dollars and twenty-seven cents, into the State Bank of Illinois, made by Milton H. Wash, then in the employ of the Auditor of Public Accounts, has ever been paid into the Treasury, or any part thereof; and if any, how much, when, and in what manner was the same paid? Also, what amount of money, or effects, was recovered from the said Milton H. Wash, on account of his embezzlement; and if any, how has the same been disposed of?

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

Resolved, That the Governor be and he is hereby requested to lay before this House, at as early a day as possible, all the present resources and means which the State now possesses, both available and unavailable, together with the amount or amounts due and owing, from any source whatever.

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to report to this House, at his earliest convenience, whether the mills at Carmi and New Haven have been leased; and if so, to whom, and on what terms; and whether such terms have been complied with. Also, the present condition of said mill property.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, to which was referred the communication of the Secretary of State, in relation to the contract for binding the laws, journals, &c., for the present session of the General Assembly inquire into and report on the following points, to wit:

1st. Whether it was by law the duty of the Secretary of State, in pursuance of the act of the last session of the General Assembly, to advertise in the newspapers named in the act, the time of letting the binding aforesaid.

2d. Whether a notice of receiving bids until a day after the commencement of the present session, was in compliance with the law?

3d. Whether the Secretary has given notice, and whether the notice given, complies with the law?

4th. Whether, after the Secretary had advertised as he did, it was his duty to receive bids up to the day stated in the advertisement of notice?

5th. Whether it was the duty of the Secretary, under the second section of said act, to endeavor to make a contract for said binding with some responsible binder or binders residing in this State, on reasonable terms, and terms advantageous to the State?

6th. Whether said Secretary did make any exertions to make such contract on terms advantageous to the State; and whether he did make any inquiries from binders as to the price for which said work could be done?

7th. Whether bids were offered before the day stated in the Secretary's notice to do the binding for less than half the amount at which it was contracted?

8th. Whether, if the bid of Caleb Birchall had been received and acted on, there would, or would not have been a saving to the State of eight thousand dollars or more, or what sum?

9th. Whether Walters and Weber are book-binders?

10th. Whether Caleb Birchall is a responsible book-binder, residing in this State?

11th. Whether said Walters and Weber did, very shortly after making said contract, re-let said contract for binding, to Bradford and Johnson, or one of them, on such terms as to make one-half of the price of the binding as clear profit?

And that they report as speedily as practicable.

Mr. Morris offered for adoption, the following preamble and resolution, viz:

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States have decided most of the salutary provisions of the relief law of 1844, to be unconstitutional; and *whereas*, by the chartering of banks and overflowing the country with a shin-plaster currency, attaching a fictitious value to labor and property, the people of Illinois have been legislated into debt and difficulty; and *whereas*, the want of an adequate market, and the destruction by freshets, and the unprecedented failure of crops, have prevented the people from paying their debts which they have contracted under better times and with fairer prospects before them; and *whereas*, the Supreme Court of the United States have decided that the States may, without violating the Constitution, suspend for a reasonable time the operation of executions, and may also in their discretion exempt a reasonable amount of property from execution. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of exempting from execution a given amount of property in value, instead of certain definite articles, including the residence of the debtor, and forty acres of land in the country, or a house and lot in any town or village; and also to inquire into the expediency of suspending the operation of executions for a term ranging from six months to two years, in proportion to the amount due, the debtor securing the creditor by bond and security bearing six per cent. per annum, until paid. And that said committee be instructed to report by bill or otherwise.

The question was taken upon the adoption of the preamble and resolution, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Morris and Anderson of Lawrence, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Emerson, Funkhouser, Haley, Hicks, Huffman, Janney, Kuykendall, McDonald, Morris, Parrish, Pickering, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Sexton, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Steele, Turley, Vineyard, White of Washington, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker.—36.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Adams, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Hannaford, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, Matthews, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, O'Connor, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams and Youngkin.—50.

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rules of the House were dispensed with, when,

Mr. Lott, from the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, reported a bill for "An act making certain appropriations to mechanics for work done;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The title of said bill was amended, by inserting after the words "mechanics," the words "and others."

Ordered, That the title be so amended, and that the Clerk inform the Senate of the passage of said bill, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

Resolved, That the Auditor of Public Accounts report to this House, as soon as practicable, the number of days that John B. Weber has been engaged in "making a new set of tract books" and "a record of the town lots in this State" as required by "the act making appropriations for 1843 and 1844," approved March 3, 1843; and how much money has been paid him as compensation for his individual services in doing said work. Also to inform this House if any warrants have been drawn in favor of any person or persons on account of said work. If so, what amount? In whose favor, and by what authority were the same drawn?

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois, the Senate concurring herein, That our Senators be instructed, and our Representatives in Congress be requested to use all proper means to procure the passage of a law making a further grant of land to this State for the purpose of aiding in the construction of the Illinois and Michigan Canal.

On motion of Mr. Janney,

Resolved, That the public printers be instructed to lay before this House an estimate of the cost of printing, and of the paper which will be neces-

sary to be used for furnishing ten thousand copies of Revised Statutes, the printing to be done on new type, and the binding in sheep, with gilt lettering and patent spring backs, and the paper to be of the best quality used in law books. And that they state specifically and separately the price for paper, printing and binding. Also the cost per copy, estimating each volume to contain one thousand pages; and that they be further instructed to make this estimate conformably to the prices now established by law for printing, and in conformity likewise to the prices fixed and agreed upon in their contract with the State for binding.

Mr. Morrille offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering or amending the present law as to make judgments recovered before justices of the peace final in all cases when the amount recovered does not exceed the sum of twenty dollars.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

Said resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

Resolved, That his Excellency, the Governor, be respectfully requested to lay before this House at an early day a full and complete account of his actings and doings as *ex officio* Fund Commissioner of the State of Illinois since the last session of the General Assembly.

Resolved, That his Excellency, the Governor, be respectfully requested to lay before this House at an early day, a full and complete account of his actings and doings under and by virtue of the act entitled 'An act to provide for the sale of the public property and the payment of the public debt,' approved March the fourth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-three; whether and to what extent he has complied with the provisions of said act.

Resolved, That his excellency, the Governor, be respectfully requested to lay before this House at an early day a full and complete account of his actings and doings under and by virtue of the provisions of an act entitled 'An act to provide for the receipt of the distributive share of this State of the proceeds of the sales of the public lands,' approved February 21st, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-three; with a statement as to what he has done with said share, to whom paid, for what, and whether the same has been paid out under the provisions of any and what law of this State.

Resolved, That his excellency, the Governor, be requested to lay before this House at an early day a full and complete account of the condition of the demand which this State has in and by virtue of the articles of agreement made and entered into on the twenty-first day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-one between John Delafield, of the city of New York, banker, of the one part, and John D. Whiteside of Springfield, of the county of Sangamon and State of Illinois, Fund Commissioner of the State of Illinois, then resident in the city of New York, acting for and on behalf of the State of Illinois, of the other part, together with a statement of what has been done towards making collections upon the four several promissory notes made to the said State of Illinois, by said Delafield, on the twenty-first day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, each for the sum of fifty-seven thousand three hundred and sixty-one dollars and

seventy-three cents. As also a full and fair statement of the condition of the demand which the said State has in and by virtue of the four certain promissory notes made by one John Tilson, jr., payable to the State of Illinois, for fifty-seven thousand three hundred and sixty-one dollars and seventy-three cents, each bearing date the twenty-first day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-one; with a specification of the kind, if any, of collateral security which the said State has to secure the payment of the same, and the amount due and owing thereon.

Resolved, That his Excellency, the Governor, be requested to lay before this House at an early day, what has been done with the thirty-seven thousand two hundred and six dollars and thirty-nine cents, to which the State of Illinois was entitled at the meeting of the last session of the General Assembly of said State, on account of the three per cent. fund; with a full and fair account of the present condition of the same, and if it has been paid into the treasury of the State of Illinois, under and by virtue of what law has the same been paid out.

Mr. Manning offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, By the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, that the Committees on the Judiciary, of the two Houses, be allowed jointly to appoint a Clerk for the purpose of assisting the action of the Committees in attempting a proposed revision of the laws of this State.

Mr. Smith of Sangamon moved to lay said resolution on the table till the 8th day of January next; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Strong moved to lay said resolution on the table until Monday next; which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Williamson,

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That, whereas, there are complaints made that the law allowing mileage to certain officers of this State has been abused by charging for a greater distance than what in reality it is. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Retrenchment be requested to inquire into the expediency of fixing the distance by law from the county seat of each county in this State, to the seat of government, and also from the county seat in each county in this State, to the city of Alton in Madison county, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Smith of Sangamon, offered for adoption the following resolution; which was not agreed to.

Resolved, That the Hall of the House of Representatives be granted for the use of the Rev. Mr. Rogers on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings next.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The message from the Senate requesting the return of the resolution relative to West Point Academy, was taken up for consideration; when

Mr. Boyakin offered for adoption the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That this House respectfully decline returning to the honorable the Senate the preamble and resolution passed by this House, and concurred in by said Senate some days since, in relation to the Military Academy at West Point.

Mr. Arnold moved to amend said resolution, by striking out all after the word "resolved," and inserting the following; which was agreed to, viz:

"That the Clerk of this House be directed to return to the Senate the joint resolution of the General Assembly in relation to the West Point Academy agreeably to the request of the Senate."

The resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion,

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, bills of the following titles, to wit:

A bill for "An act authorizing the survey of certain lands therein named."

A bill for "An act for the relief of George Richards."

A bill for "An act to change the name of a person therein named." and that they had this day laid said bills before the Council of Revision.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from D. Prickett, Esq., Bank Commissioner on the part of the State for the Bank of Illinois, in answer to a resolution of the House calling for certain information; which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Hick,

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

The amendment of the Senate to the House bill for "An act to permanently fix the seat of justice of McHenry county," was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act for the relief of William Moss," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Senate bill for "An act concerning the location of a road therein mentioned," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

A call of the House was ordered; and after some time spent therein,

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Senate bill for "An act for the relief of the securities of Richard J. Hill, deceased," was read the first time, and,

Ordered to a second reading.

Senate bills of the following titles, viz:

A bill for "An act vacating part of a street, in the town of St. Charles in Kane county;" and,

A bill for "An act to authorize the county of Kane to levy an extra tax for county purposes," were severally read the first time, and,

Ordered to a second reading.

Senate bill for "An act to provide for the representation of certain counties therein named," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

Amended by adding the following as an additional section, to wit:

"That the counties of Effingham and Fayette shall vote together for two Representatives, one of whom shall be taken from the county of Effingham, and the other from the county of Fayette; and the Clerk of Effingham shall meet the Clerk of Fayette at Vandalia, within ten days after such election, to compare the polls of said election."

Mr. Reed moved further to amend the bill by adding the following, after the words "each county," in the first section of the bill, "and that Clay county elect one Representative," when,

On motion of Mr. Janney,

The bill and proposed amendment were referred to the Committee on Counties.

Senate bill for "An act concerning the private acts of the General Assembly," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

Referred to a select committee of five.

Ordered, That Messrs. Brinkley, Parrish, Logan, Cushman and Loop, be that Committee.

Senate bill for "An act authorising the Probate Justice of the Peace for Moultrie county, to hold his office at his residence," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill for "An act repealing a part of the law in relation to the decisions of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois," was read the second time.

Mr. Arnold moved to amend the second section of the bill, by striking out all between the word "aforesaid," in the fifth line, to the word "dollars," in the sixth line, and insert the following, in lieu thereof, "at the highest cash price that can be obtained for the same, and not less than three."

Mr. Boyakin moved to refer the bill and proposed amendment to the Committee on Finance, which was not agreed to.

Mr. Logan moved that the bill and proposed amendment be laid on the table, which was decided in the negative.

The amendment proposed by Mr. Arnold was then agreed to.

Mr. Smith of Sangamon, moved to postpone the further consideration of said bill until the fourth day of July next; which was not agreed to; when

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The second section of the bill was amended by striking out the word "twenty" before the word "copies," and insert the word "fifty;" when the bill as amended, was

Ordered to a third reading.

Engrossed bill for "An act to amend 'an act directing the mode of electing Electors for President and Vice President of the United States,'" approved Jan. 11th, 1827, was read the third time; when

Mr. Arnold moved to recommit the bill to the Committee on Elections; which was agreed to.

Mr. Logan moved the indefinite postponement of the further consideration of said bill; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Boyakin and Turley.

Those voting in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of Lawrence, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Cox, Davis of McLean, Denning, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hannaford, Hardie, Harriott, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Huffman, Janney, Jewell, Lockard, Logan, Lott, Manning, Matthews, Morrille, Morris, Parrish, Pickering, Pratt, Prevo, Rawlings, Reed, Scott of De Witt, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Starne, Steele, Stewart, White of Menard and Williams.—40.

Those voting in the negative, are

Messrs. Alexander, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Haley, Harper, Henderson, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Loop, McDonald, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrison, O'Connor, Pitner, Randolph, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Strong, Thompson, Turley, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—47.

The bill then passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Engrossed bill for "An act to restore the records of Franklin county," coming up in its proper order,

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Pickering moved that the rule of the House be dispensed with to enable him to introduce a resolution; which was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Deskines and Harriott.

Those voting in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Arnold, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Emerson, Funkhouser, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, O'Connor, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sexton, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Turley, Warren, White of Menard, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Yates and Youngkin.—80.

Those voting in the negative, are

Messrs. Collins, Denning, Parrish, Reed, Scott of Macoupin, Wagner and Mr. Speaker.—7.

The resolution was then read, and is as follows:

WHEREAS: At the last session of the General Assembly, an appropriation was made out of the public Treasury of this State, of the sum of one thousand dollars, for the relief of the county of Jackson, for the purpose of defraying the costs of commissioners receiving evidence of Records which had been destroyed by the burning of the Court House in said county of Jackson: and whereas, a bill has now been passed by this House providing for an appropriation of five hundred dollars, out of the public treasury of this State, for relief to the county of Franklin, also professedly for the purpose of defraying the costs of commissioners receiving evidence of records which have been destroyed by fire at the burning of said Court House; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Retrenchment be requested to inquire into the expediency of county commissioners' courts providing fire proof safes, vaults or rooms, in which the public records of counties may hereafter be kept, securely from destruction by fire, and thereby preventing or avoiding the necessity of any further claims upon the public Treasury for such purposes, and that said committee report by bill or otherwise.

The question recurring on the adoption of the preamble and resolution, it was decided in the affirmative.

Engrossed bill for "An act to change the name of the Bethel Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Morgan County, to that of Hebron Society," was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act to limit the duties of Public Administrators," was read a second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill for "An act to authorise Henry Dodd and George Early to build a dam across Fox River in the county of McHenry," was read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill for "An act making appropriations for the years 1844-5," was read a second time.

Mr. Butler moved its reference to the Committee on Finance, which was not agreed to.

Mr. Morrison moved to amend the bill by inserting after the word "money," in the first section, the following, viz: "what his services are estimated to be worth by the member on his right."

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

Said amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Cochran moved to lay the bill on the table, which was not agreed to.

Mr. Boyakin moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of said bill, which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Boyakin and Smith of Bureau.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brown, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Funkhouser, Hardie, Hendry, Herndon, Logan, Manning, Matthews, Moore, Scott of De Witt, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, White of Menard, Whiteside, Wilkinson and Woollard.—25.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Arnold, Brinkley, Butler, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Emerson, Haley, Hannaford, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall Lockard, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, O'Connor, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Steele, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Turley, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Wilcox, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—64.

Mr. Logan moved to amend the bill in the first section, by striking out "four," and inserting "two," before "dollars."

Mr. Deskines moved to lay said amendment on the table, which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the call of Messrs. Logan and Benedict.

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Arnold, Butler, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hick, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, O'Connor, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Thompson, Wagner, Warren, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Woollard, Woodburn and Youngkin—40.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Davis of McLean, Denning, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hendry, Herndon, Hicks, Kirkpatrick, Lockard, Logan, Lott, Matthews, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sexton, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Steele, Stroug, Turley, White of Menard, White of Washington, Whiteside, Williams, Wood, Yates and Mr. Speaker.—49.

Mr. Brinkley moved to refer the bill to a select committee; which was decided in the negative.

Mr. Deskines moved to amend the proposed amendment of Mr. Logan, by striking out "two," and inserting "one."

Mr. Morrison moved that the bill with the amendments, be referred to the Committee on Retrenchment.

And before the question was taken,
The House adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1844.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bergen.

A communication from the Governor, by Mr. Campbell, Secretary of State, relative to certain resolutions of the House calling upon him for information, was read; when,

On motion of Mr. Huffman,
Said communication was laid on the table.

Mr. Manning presented the petition of the "Knox Manual Labor College," praying that they be exempted, by law, from road labor; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Smith of Bureau presented the petition of forty-nine citizens of Lee county, praying the location of a State road from La Salle, in La Salle county, to Knox Grove, in Lee county, and for the continuation of other roads; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Lott presented several claims for compensation for provisions, &c., furnished to the troops called out by the Governor during the late disturbances in Hancock county; which, without reading, were on motion, referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Brown presented sundry claims against the State, for supplies furnished the troops during the late disturbances in Hancock county; which, without reading, were.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

Referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Pratt presented the claims of sundry citizens of Cass county, for compensation for services and supplies, rendered to the troops during the late disturbances in Hancock county; which, without reading, were, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Cox presented the petition of Joseph Thomas, praying to be permitted to vacate a part of the town plat of the town of Sydney, in Champaign county, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago, presented the petition of twenty-five citizens of Roscoe, in the county of Winnebago, relative to a cemetery for said town; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Yates presented the petition of Francis G. Murry, praying for relief; which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The petition of the students of Shurtliff College, praying to be exempted from road labor, which was laid on the table some time since, was taken up, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Strong presented the memorial of the Common Council of the city of Alton, praying the right to lay a special tax; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Pratt presented the petition of J. Bowen and others, securities of Lemon Plasters, late collector of Cass county, praying for relief; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hicks, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act granting a divorce to Mary Reeves," accompanied by a petition of sundry citizens of Clay county, praying the passage of a law granting a divorce to Mary Reeves. The petition was read; when the bill was read the first time, and,

Ordered to a second reading,

Mr. Hicks moved to dispense with the rule, and read the bill a second time by its title; which was not agreed to.

The Speaker laid before the House proposals, by John Delany, for finishing the steps, portico, and roof of the State House, and enclosing the public square; which, without reading, were,

On motion of Mr. Deskines,
Laid on the table.

Mr. Morrison presented the petition of Joseph Tabour and William J. Austin, praying a vacation of the town of Brooklyn, in St. Clair county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Morrison also presented the petition of Samuel R. Oglesby and others, praying the passage of a special act to authorise Daniel Oglesby, to convey certain real estate; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Parrish, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred a resolution of the Senate, relative to the printing of three hundred copies of the volume of reports of this General Assembly, reported the same back with amendments, which were read.

Mr. Churchill moved to amend the proposed amendment of the Committee, by striking out the words "five hundred and sixty," and inserting "two thousand," when,

On motion of Mr. Pickering,

The resolution, together with the proposed amendments, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, to which were referred a bill for "An act to incorporate the Chicago and Rock river Plank road Company," and the petition of citizens of Kane county, praying the incorporation of said company, reported the bill back, with sundry amendments, which were read and concurred in; when the bill, as amended, was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Arnold, from the Committee on the Canal and Canal lands, reported a bill for "An act to amend an act to protect the Canal Lands, against trespasses," approved March 4th, 1837, and "An act to amend an act entitled, 'An act to protect the Canal lands against trespassers,'" approved February 26, 1839.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title; when,

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Said bill was re-committed to the Committee on the Canal and Canal Lands.

Mr. Logan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to amend the law in relation to divorces," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Pickering moved to amend by striking out the word "defend," and insert "advocate."

Mr. Benedict moved to postpone the further consideration of said bill and amendment, until the 4th day of July; when,

On motion,

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The bill for "An act making appropriations for the years 1844 and '45," coming up for consideration, in its proper order, the question recurred upon the amendment proposed by Mr. Deskines, to the amendment proposed by Mr. Logan; when,

Mr. Logan moved a call of the House; which was ordered, and after some time spent therein,

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Morrison withdrew the motion, made by him yesterday, to refer said bill and proposed amendments to the Committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Deskines moved to refer said bill and proposed amendments to the Committee on Retrenchment; which was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

Resolved, That the Auditor be requested to furnish to this House, at his earliest convenience, a table showing the population of each county by the last census, the amount of taxes received from each county for the years 1843-'44, together with the amount paid out of the Treasury to each county for said years of 1843 and '44; showing how much, more or less, each county in the State has paid more than it has received back from the State.

The resolution of the Senate, providing for the appointment of a joint standing committee on Change of Names, was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That Messrs. Brinkley, Pratt and Scott of De Witt be that committee on the part of the House, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

The preamble and resolution of the Senate, having for their object the passage of a law by Congress, to permit the relinquishment of school sections in certain cases, were read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, were read the third time and passed, viz:

"An act for the relief of John Walsh."

"An act requiring county orders to be countersigned by county Treasurers."

"An act to amend an act for the speedy assignment of dower and partition of real estate;" approved 6th February, 1827.

"An act to incorporate the Illinois Literary and Historical Society."

"An act to authorise James Lawrence and James B. Anderson to collect certain taxes;" and,

"An act providing as to the time when acts passed by the Legislature shall be in force."

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in the passage of the same.

A Senate bill for "An act repealing a part of the law in relation to the decisions of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois," was read the third time, and,

On motion of Mr. Rawlings,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Senate bill for "An act concerning the location of a road therein mentioned," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Cochran, Denning, and Kuykendall, be that Committee.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution. viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Canal and Canal lands, to whom was referred a bill fixing fines and imprisonment on all trespassers upon Canal lands and other property, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending said bill as to impose the same penalties and fines upon trespassers upon the lands and property of all the citizens of this State; and also all seminary and school lands as may be by said bill imposed upon trespassers upon the canal lands and property.

The resolution was read and rejected.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The vote this day taken on ordering to a third reading the bill for "An act to incorporate the Illinois Literary and Historical Society," was re-considered; and

On his further motion,

Said bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill for "An act to authorise the county of Kane to levy an extra tax for county purposes," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Jackson of McHenry,

Amended in the last line of the first section, by striking out "1844," and inserting "1815."

The bill as amended was then

Ordered to a third reading.

Senate bill for "An act for the relief of William Moss," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Lott,

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate bill for "An act for the relief of the securities of Richard J. Hill, deceased," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate bill for "An act vacating part of a street in the town of St. Charles, in Kane county," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

A bill for "An act to remove certain mill dams therein named," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

Referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act regulating elections,'" was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Hardie,

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

A bill for "An act extending the right of redemption of real estate, sold under decrees in chancery," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Tunnel,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act to limit the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace," was read the second time, when

Mr. Kuykendall moved to amend the first section of the bill by striking out all of said section after the word "except."

On motion of Mr. Lott,

Said bill and proposed amendment were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following preamble and resolution, viz:

WHEREAS: Sundry citizens of the State of Illinois are anxious to organise a State Colonization Society, at the seat of Government, and also to hear an address upon the subject of African Colonization, and its religious, political and commercial influences, from the Rev. R. S. Finley, agent of the Missouri Colonization Society; therefore,

Resolved, That the use of this Hall be allowed for the purposes aforesaid, on Friday evening next.

The question on the adoption of the resolution, was taken by yeas and nays, on the call of Messrs. Cochran and Turley, and decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Armstrong, Barnsback, Churchill, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hernon, Hick, Hicks, Hoffman, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Moore, Morrille, O'Connor, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Steele, Stewart, Vineyard, Warren, White of Menard, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Woollard, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—60.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Backenstos, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Hannaford, Hendry, Jackson of McHenry, Kuykendall, Miller of Winnebago, Morris, Morrison, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Wagner, Wilkinson, Wood and Zieber.—35.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Edson.

Mr. Parrish moved that the House adjourn; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Wood and Huffman, as follows:

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Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Arenz, Backenstos, Cox, Davis of McLean, Emerson, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Kuykendall, Leighton, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Winnebago, O'Connor, Parrish, Pickering, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, Tunnel, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Wilcox, Yates and Mr. Speaker.—34.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Hannaford, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Huffman, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Oglesby, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Saagamon, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, Whiteside, Williams, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Youngkin and Zieber.—55.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of William Ellis, and fifty-seven others, citizens of Schuyler county, praying a change in part of the Darwin and Charleston turnpike road, in said county; which, without reading, was,

On his motion,

Referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Hanson presented the petition of sundry citizens of Coles county, praying for the location of a State road from Charleston, in Coles county, to Bloomington, in McLean county; which, without reading, was,

On his motion,

Referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Benedict presented the petition of David Morris and nineteen others, inhabitants of township seventeen north, of range four east, in Macon county, praying a reduction of the rate of interest upon the school fund, in said township; which, without reading, was,

On his motion,

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. O'Connor presented the petition of Thomas Brown, praying for relief; which, without reading, was,

On his motion,

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Pitner presented the petition of one hundred and thirty-six citizens of Richland county, praying the removal of the mill dams belonging to the State at Carmi and New Haven, out of the Little Wabash river; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Reed,

Referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Winnebago county, for the relief of Amos Durbin; which, without reading, was,

On his motion,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Nye, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to relocate part of the State road leading from Griggsville in Pike county, to the Mississippi River."

"An act to repeal an act entitled, 'An act to incorporate Shawnee City.'"

Mr. Loop, from the same Committee, reported as correctly enrolled, a bill for "An act to authorise the recorder of Jackson county, to enter of record certain deeds or other instruments in writing herein named," and they report that the foregoing bills were this day laid before the Council of Revision.

Mr. Loop, from the Committee on Engrossed bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to locate a State road therein named."

The bill for "An act to amend the law in relation to divorces," on which the House adjourned on yesterday, coming up for consideration, the question recurred on Mr. Pickering's motion to amend Mr. Logan's proposed amendment; and after debate thereon, without taking the question,

On motion,
The House adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hale.

Mr. Pratt presented the petition of Isaac Plasters and others, securities of Lemon Plasters, late Collector of Cass county, for relief; which was read, and

On his motion,
Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Vedder presented the petition of 80 citizens of Greene county, mostly mechanics, praying the Legislature to change the labor of the convicts in the Penitentiary; which was read, and

On his motion,
Referred to the Committee on the Penitentiary.

Mr. Pitner presented the petition of 45 citizens of Richland county praying the location of a State road therein named; which without reading was

On his motion,
Referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, a bill for "An act to permanently fix the seat of justice of McHenry county," and that the Committee had this day laid said bill before the Council of Revision.

Mr. Starkweather, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to authorise Henry Dodd and George Early to build a dam across Fox river, in McHenry county.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Moore, their assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of a bill for "An act making certain appropriations to mechanics and others, for work done in the State House."

Another message from the Senate by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have ordered to be printed for the use of the two Houses 600 copies of the communication from the Governor, together with the letter to his Excellency, from Baring, Brothers & Co., and Magniac, Jardine & Co., made to the Senate some days since.

The bill for "An act to amend the law in relation to divorces," on which the House adjourned yesterday, coming up again in its order, the question again recurring upon Mr. Pickering's proposed amendment to strike out "defend," and insert "advocate;" which was decided in the negative.

Mr. Boyakin moved the indefinite postponement of the further consideration of said bill.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

A call of the House was ordered; and after some time spent therein,

On motion of Mr. Morrille,

Further proceeding under the call was dispensed with.

Mr. Pickering moved to amend the bill by adding, after the word "defend," in the second section, the following: "in all cases where suits for divorces are instituted by males, and advocate said suits in all cases where they are instituted by females."

Pending which motion,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Deskines moved to dispense with the rule, and to take up the bill for "An act to amend the law in relation to divorces."

Mr. Brinkley moved a call of the House, which was ordered; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Davis of Williamson moved to dispense with further proceedings under the call; which was not agreed to.

The proceeding under the call was then continued; and after some further time spent therein,

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Loop, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to incorporate the Chicago and Rock river Plank Road Company."

The question was taken on Mr. Deskines' motion to dispense with the rule, and to take up the bill relative to divorces, and decided in the affirmative; when, after debate,

Mr. Benedict moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question then recurred on the motion to amend, by Mr. Pickering, pending when the House adjourned this morning, and was decided in the negative.

The question was taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Huffman and Logan, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Barnsback, Blair, Brown, Churchill, Collins, Denning, Emerson, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Huffman, Janney, Jewell, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, Matthews, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, O'Connor, Parrish, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Warren, White of Menard, White of Washington, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—54.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Backenstos, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Hanson, Harriott, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Nye, Oglesby, Pickering, Pitner, Reed, Ricks, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sexton, Sharp, Starkweather, Steele, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wood and Zieber.—52.

Senate bill for "An act to authorise Kane county to levy an extra tax for county purposes," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof; when

On motion,

The House adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Edson.

Mr. Thompson presented the petition of sundry citizens of portions of Clinton, Madison and St. Clair counties, praying for a new county as therein specified; which was read, and on his motion, referred to the Committee on counties.

Mr. Benedict presented the petition of 103 citizens of Macon county, praying that the Sangamon river be declared a navigable stream, and for the improvement of the same; which was read, and on his motion, referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Nye, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, a bill for "An act making certain appropriations to mechanics and others, for work done in the State House, and that said bill had this day been laid before the Council of Revision.

Mr. Pratt presented the petition of sundry citizens of township 17 n. range 10 w. of 3d principal meridian in Cass county, praying for the re-valuation of section 16 in said township; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Armstrong presented further evidence in the case of Thomas Brown; which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Dunbar, from the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, to which was referred the petition of Alfred Shattuck praying relief, reported a bill for "An act for the relief of Alfred Shattuck;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Hannaford, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred a bill for "An act to incorporate Jubilee College," reported the same back with sundry amendments, which were read and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Zieber,

The bill was further amended in the third section by striking out "3000," and inserting in lieu thereof "1000." Also, by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

"Sec. 6. The right is hereby reserved to the Legislature to amend or modify, alter or repeal this act whenever in its opinion, the public good may require it."

A message from the Council of Revision, by Mr. Hawley, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to say that the Council of Revision have approved bills of the following titles, to wit:

"An act for the relief of George Richards."

"An act to change the name of a person therein named."

"An act to authorise the survey of certain lands therein named."

"An act to relocate part of the State road leading from Griggsville in Pike county to the Mississippi river."

"An act to authorise the recorder of Jackson county to enter of record certain deeds or other instruments in writing herein named."

"An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act to incorporate Shawnee City,' " and

"An act to permanently fix the seat of justice of McHenry county."

Mr. Strong, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to incorporate the Illinois Literary and Historical Society," reported the same back to the House with an amendment; which was read and concurred in.

The bill as amended then passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Benedict, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the Senate bill for "An act authorising the Probate Justice of the Peace for Moultrie county to hold his office at his residence," reported the same back to the House, and recommended its passage.

The question was then taken on the passage of the bill, which was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Logan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the engrossed bill for "An act to amend 'An act relative to wills and testaments, executors and administrators, and the settlements of estates,' " reported the same back with an amendment; which was read and concurred in.

When the bill passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid; and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in the passage of said bill.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Tabour and Wm. J. Austin, praying a vacation of the town of Brooklyn,

in St. Clair county, reported a bill for "An act to vacate the town plat of the town of Brooklyn," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Zieber, from the Committee on Finance to which was referred a bill for "An act to reduce the expenses of collecting the public revenue," reported the same back to the House, with sundry amendments, which were read.

Mr. Henderson moved to amend the amendments of the Committee, by striking out "five," and inserting "three."

Mr. Logan moved to strike out "five," and insert "four;" which was agreed to.

Mr. Logan moved to refer the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary; when

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Whiteside, from the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, to which was referred a bill for "An act for the relief of certain persons therein named," reported the same back, with sundry amendments; when,

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

Said bill, together with the proposed amendments, were referred to a select committee of five.

Ordered, That Messrs. Whiteside, Robbins, Morrison, Turley and Vedder, be that Committee.

Mr. Gregg, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Clay county, praying the appointment of a collector of revenue for the year 1843, reported a bill for "An act to provide for the collection of taxes for the year 1843, in Clay county, and to legalize the assessment of taxes in said county for the year 1844;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Benedict, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act vacating part of a street in the town of St. Charles, in Kane county," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage; when the bill was

Ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Benedict, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act to legalize the acts of certain assessors in this State," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage; when the bill was

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Turley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Nye, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act declaring a certain road in Scott county a State road;" and
"An act to limit the duties of public administrators."

Mr. Strong, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was refer-

red a bill for "An act concerning the revenue," reported the same back with an amendment as a substitute, which was read.

Mr. Brinkley moved to amend said amendment by adding after the word "thirty-second," the words and "thirty-third;" which was not agreed to.

The amendment proposed by the Committee was then concurred in, and the bill as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Thompson, from the Committee on Elections, to which was referred resolution relative to the tenure of certain offices therein mentioned, reported a bill for "An act to provide for the election of certain officers therein named, and to fix the tenure of their offices;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Armstrong, from the Committee on Retrenchment, to which were referred the preamble and resolution in relation to the mileage to certain officers of this State, reported the same back to the House, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, which was granted; and

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The preamble and resolution were laid on the table.

Mr. Miller of Fulton, from the Committee on State Roads, to which was referred a bill for "An act to locate a State road from Batavia in Kane county to David Burnett's in Du Page county, reported the same back to the House; and recommended its passage.

The bill was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Robbins, from the Joint Select Committee to which was referred the joint resolution of the two Houses, on the subject of memorialising Congress for the relief of those who suffered by the late high floods, reported a memorial to the Congress of the United States upon that subject, which was read, when

Mr. Lockard moved to amend the memorial by inserting "Wabash," after "Illinois," wherever it occurs in said memorial.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The previous question was ordered.

The amendment of Mr. Lockard was then agreed to, and the memorial and resolution were adopted.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

And then the House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

A bill for "An act to incorporate the Chicago and Rock river Plank Road Company," coming up on its third reading,

On motion of Mr. Miller of Winnebago,

A call of the House was ordered, and after some time spent therein,

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act to incorporate the Chicago and Rock river Plank Road Company," was read the third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in the passage of the bill.

Engrossed bills of the following titles were read the third time, and passed, viz:

"An act to locate a State road therein named;" and

"An act to authorise Henry Dodd and George Early to build a dam across Fox river, in McHenry county."

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to regulate the salaries, fees and compensation of the several officers and persons therein named," was read a second time by its title; when

Mr. Huffman offered a substitute for said bill.

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

• Said bill and substitute were referred to the Committee on Retrenchment.

The bill for "An act to prevent speculation in the collection of the public revenue," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

Was laid on the table until the fourth day of July next.

A bill for "An act for the collection of taxes in Perry county for the year 1843," was read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

• A bill for "An act limiting the power of taxation in the city of Chicago," was read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill for "An act to establish a State road from St. Mary's in Jasper county to Cumberland in Clark county," was read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to change the times of holding courts in the fifth judicial circuit,'" approved March 4th, 1843, was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Henderson,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act in relation to the Little Wabash river," was read the second time, when

Mr. Kuykendall moved to refer it to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Emerson moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Finance,

When the question was taken on referring said bill to the Committee on Internal Improvements, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Thompson moved to reconsider the vote taken this day on the adoption of the joint memorial to Congress on the subject of relief to sufferers by high floods, &c., which was decided in the affirmative, when

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The vote ordering the previous question was reconsidered; when

Mr. Robbins moved to amend the memorial as follows: amend by striking out all between the word "subsistence" and the words "your petitioners," and inserting the following, viz: "present to your honorable body their memorial, with greater hopes of obtaining relief for their suf-

fering fellow citizens, from the fact that in those parts of the State visited by the flood, there has been a general failure of crops, and a prevalence of dangerous and fatal sickness, so that those citizens whose property has not been swept away by the flood, are not in a condition to extend relief to their neighbors."

Mr. Deskines moved that the memorial and proposed amendment be laid on the table; which was not agreed to.

The amendment was then agreed to, and the memorial as amended, was adopted.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act for the further restriction of imprisonment for debt, was read the second time.

Mr. Butler moved to amend the bill by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

"That in case the said plaintiff in execution shall fail or refuse to advance the payment as in this act provided, the sheriff or jailor having custody of such defendant in execution is hereby authorised to release such debtor from imprisonment;" which was not agreed to.

The bill was then

Ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

A bill for "An act to provide for the collection of debts," was read the second time; when

Mr. Cox moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Retrenchment; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Hicks moved to refer the bill to the Committee on the Penitentiary; which was decided in the negative; when

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

The bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act to provide for the re-weighing of salt and for other purposes," was read the second time, when

Mr. Logan moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Retrenchment with instructions to amend the bill so as to define how near a man must live to be a neighbor; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Deskines moved to lay the bill on the table until the fourth day of July next.

Mr. Morrison moved its reference to the Committee on Salines.

On motion of Mr. Prevo,

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Manufactures and Agriculture.

A bill for "An act granting a divorce to Mary Reeves," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Laid on the table until the fourth day of July.

The resolution offered some days since by Mr. Davis of Williamson, on the subject of the hour of adjournment, coming up for consideration, the question on the adoption of the resolution was taken by yeas and nays, on the call of Messrs. Boyakin and Nye, and decided in the negative.

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Barnsback, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Davis of

Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Haley, Hanson, Hendry, Herndon, Jackson of Stark, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Loop, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Thompson, Turley, Vedder. White of Scott, White of Washington, Wilkinson, Wood and Yates.—53.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Deskines, Emerson, Gregg, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Logan, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, O'Connor, Pickering, Pitner, Ricks, Sexton, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Stewart, Strong, Tunnel, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, Williams, Woollard, Woodburn, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—54.

Mr. Jackson of McHenry, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to incorporate the Chrystal Lake Academy, in McHenry county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

The vote taken on referring the bill for "An act to regulate the salaries, fees and compensation of the several officers and persons therein named," and the proposed substitute therefor, to the Committee on Retrenchment; when

Mr. Huffman withdrew the proposed substitute, and the bill was again referred to the Committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Huffman, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to fix the salaries, fees and compensation of all the officers of the State, and for other purposes," and to reduce the present salaries, fees and compensation, at the rate of twenty-five per centum.

On his motion, the rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by its title; the bill was then

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

The rule of the House was further dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

Referred to the Committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Robbins, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act making certain fords a part of public roads," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Thompson, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act concerning public roads,' " approved February 20th, 1841, when

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill was read the first time by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance inquire into the expediency of providing by law, that the offer be made to the holders of the bonds of the State of Illinois, to surrender to them all the property of the State, including the Canal, Canal lands, lands held by the State, under the act of Congress for distributing the proceeds of the sale of the public lands; the land purchased by the State under the act to provide for a general system of internal improvements, and the northern cross railroad; and also three millions of dollars in State bonds, bearing six per cent. interest; and of providing the means of paying promptly and certainly the interest on said bonds, by a poll tax, and such addition to the *ad valorem* taxes as may be sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds; also, by providing, by proper enactment, for the completion of the Canal by said bond-holders, if the proposition be accepted; and also, for the sale of the Canal and other lands in reasonable time.

And that said Committee report whether this proposition to our creditors, be fair and reasonable; whether the condition and ability of the State will warrant any better proposition on the part of the State; and that said Committee report by bill or otherwise.

The question occurring on the adoption of the resolution, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Hendry, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act entitled 'An act authorising the school commissioner or the trustees of schools of Adams county to purchase certain property sold on execution for the uses and purposes therein expressed, and authorising them to take a relinquishment of property mortgaged to the school fund in certain cases,'" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Cox, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act in relation to schools in township no. 19, north of range 9 east, in Champaign county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Stewart, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to locate a State road in Cook county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Deskines, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to repeal 'An act therein named,'" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Pratt, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act concerning section sixteen, in township seventeen, north of range ten, west of the third principal meridian;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Warren, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to incorporate the Warrenville Seminary in the county of Du Page."

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bill was read the first time by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

Resolved, That the use of this Hall be given to the citizens of Springfield on the evening of the eighth of January inst., for the purpose of celebrating the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans; provided that no vinous or other intoxicating liquors shall be drank on said occasion, within the precincts of this Hall.

Mr. Morris, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act in relation to a certain State road therein named;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Cushman, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to build a bridge across Fox river at Ottawa in La Salle county;" which was read the first time by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Lott, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to vacate the survey and plat of the subdivision of lots eight, nine and ten, in block one, in Randolph's addition to the city of Quincy;" which was read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act concerning marriages, and to provide a common school fund;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Morrille, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Hennepin;" which was read the first time by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Logan, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to suspend an act therein named;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Armstrong, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to amend 'An act defining and regulating proceedings in the action of ejectment;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Blair, on leave, offered the following resolution which was read and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of regulating the interest on claims, adjusted before probate justices of the peace; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Babbitt, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act supplemental to an act entitled 'An act to provide for changing the venue in civil and criminal cases;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Sexton, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act for the relief of James M. Jones, of Gallatin county;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Hicks, on leave, introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Penitentiary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making it obligatory on the new lessee or lessees of the Penitentiary, to pay the present incumbent a reasonable sum for the materials, tools, and unfinished labor that are now on hand.

Mr. Sharp, on leave, offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law appropriating the moneys now paid into the county treasury as fines, under the operation of the criminal laws of the State, to the school fund of each county; to be appropri-

ated and paid out by the school commissioner, as other school funds, to the respective townships.

Mr. Butler, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act concerning justices of the peace and constables;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Dunbar, on leave, offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the revenue law as to enable the collectors thereof, to more effectually enforce the payment of taxes; and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Turley, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act for the relief of the late collector of Shelby county;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Nye, on leave, offered the following resolution, which was read, viz:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That no new business shall be introduced, at this session of the General Assembly, after the 25th day of January instant; and that it will adjourn *sine die*, on Monday, the 12th day of February next.

Pending the question of its adoption,

The House adjourned.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment,

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Richmond.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Public Printers, in answer to a resolution of this House, calling for certain information; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

Laid on the table,

Mr. Strong presented the remonstrance of Solomon Koepfle and 364 others, against the proposed division of Madison county, which, without reading, was referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Pitner presented the petition of 103 citizens of Clay county, praying for the removal of the mill dams at Carmi and New Haven out of the Little Wabash River; which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Hendry presented the petition of sundry citizens of Marquette county, praying the repeal of a certain law therein named, which without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Benedict presented the petition of 73 citizens of Macon county, praying the General Assembly to declare the Sangamon river a navigable stream, and for legislative aid to improve the same, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Deskines presented the petition of 371 citizens of Logan county, praying a removal of the seat of justice of said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Benedict presented the petition of sundry citizens of Macon coun-

ty, praying for a vigorous system of retrenchment of all salaries and fees of officers in this State, and that no increase of taxes be made, unless such retrenchment be done; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Denning, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of J. Bowen, and others, securities of Lemon Plasters, late collector of Cass county, praying for relief, reported a bill for "An act for the relief of the securities of Lemon Plasters, late collector of Cass county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Miller, of Fulton, from the Committee on State Roads, to which was referred the petition of John Calhoun and others, praying the passage of a law to define the boundaries of State street, in the city of Chicago, reported a bill for "An act to define and establish the boundary lines of State street, in the city of Chicago;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

The resolution offered on yesterday by Mr. Nye, relative to the reception of no new business after the 25th inst., and the adjournment of the Legislature *sine die*, on the 12th of February, came up in its proper order for consideration; when,

Mr. Brinkley moved to refer said resolution to the Committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Woollard moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Nye and Prevo, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Alexander, Arenz, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, O'Connor, Oglesby, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Strong, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber.—86.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Barnsback, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Churchill, Emerson, Herndon, Lockard, Morris, Morrison, Nye, Prevo, Robbins, Ross, Sexton, Thompson, White of Scott, and Wilkinson.—20.

Mr. Herndon offered for adoption the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State inform the House why he has not complied with a resolution calling upon him to inform this House how much money has been paid out for repairing the roof of the State house, the cost of material, the amount paid mechanics, with the names of such persons; and that he report without unnecessary delay.

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

Said resolution was laid on the table, until the fourth day of July.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That his honpr, the Speaker thereof, be requested to appoint some member of this House, to fill the vacancy in the Committee of Retrenchment, occasioned by the absence, on account of sickness, of Mr. Berry, until that gentleman shall have taken his seat as a member of this Legislature.

Mr. Davis of McLean offered for adoption the following resolution, viz;

Resolved, That the use of this Hall be granted, on Tuesday evening next, for the use of the State Colonization Society.

After debate thereon,

Mr. Smith of Sangamon moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question was then taken on the adoption of said resolution, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Thompson and Morris, as follows.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Barnsback, Blair, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Gregg, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Randolph, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Stewart, Tunnel, Vedder, Vineyard, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Williams, Woollard, Yates and Youngkin.—68.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Denning, Funkhouser, Hannaford, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Kuykendall, Miller of Fulton, Morris, Morrison, Oglesby, Prevo, Reed, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Strong, Thompson, Turley, Wagner, White of Washington, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Wood, Woodburn, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—36.

Mr. Emerson, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act for the benefit of the heirs of John M. Robinson, deceased;" which was read the first time and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Robbins, from the select committee, to which was referred a bill for "An act to regulate the mode of levy executions," together with the amendment proposed by Mr. Blair, reported the same back, without said amendment, and recommended the passage of the bill, as originally reported by the Committee on the Judiciary.

The question recurred on the amendment proposed by Mr. Blair, when,

Mr. Benedict moved to lay said amendment on the table; and upon this motion,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Blair and Thompson,

Mr. Jackson of McHenry, moved a call of the House; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Hick moved to lay the bill and proposed amendment on the table.

Upon this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Logan and Blair; when,

On motion,

The House adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bergen.

Mr. Miller of Adams, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Adams county, praying the repeal of the act creating the county of Marquette, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Rawlings presented the petition of William Weatherford, treasurer of township 13, north of range 9 west, praying the passage of an act for the relief of the inhabitants of said township, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Backenstos presented the petition of Joseph T. Painter and 85 others praying a divorce, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Jackson of Stark, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Henry county, praying for the alteration of county lines, which, without reading, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Strong presented the petition of Jonathan Dow and 160 others for a change in the mode of working the convicts in the Penitentiary, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the Penitentiary.

Mr. Hick presented the proceedings of two public meetings of sundry citizens of Gallatin and White counties, remonstrating against the removal of the mill dams at New Haven and Carmi, which was read, and on his motion, referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Morrison presented the remonstrance of John Mury and 1445 others, citizens of St. Clair county, remonstrating against the formation of a new county out of St. Clair, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Zieber presented the petition of Benjamin C. Buck, praying a change of his name, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Joint Committee on Change of Names.

Mr. Hanson presented the petition of three hundred and twenty-five citizens of Coles county, praying for the formation of a new county, which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Backenstos presented the petition of the county commissioners and other citizens of Hancock county, praying for an act to legalize certificates of the commissioner appointed to transcribe records; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Hannaford, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of the inhabitants of township eighteen north, ranges

ten and eleven west, in Vermilion county, praying to be attached to a school district therein named, reported a bill for "An act organising a school district in Vermilion county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. O'Connor, from the Committee on Counties, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act to provide for the representation of certain counties therein named," reported the same back with sundry amendments; which were read and concurred in; when

Mr. Janney moved to amend said bill by striking out all that part relating to the counties of Crawford and Jasper; which was not agreed to; when

Mr. Janney moved to amend the bill by striking out in the first section, all that part relating to the counties of Crawford and Jasper, and inserting the following, viz:

"That the counties of Crawford and Jasper shall no longer form one representative district; but until the next census shall be taken, and a new apportionment of the representation shall be made thereon; each of the said counties shall separately elect one representative to the General Assembly of this State."

Mr. Logan moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. Janney, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays on the demand of Messrs. Janney and Anderson of Lawrence, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Arnold, Barnsback, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Janney, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Robbins, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, Thompson, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Yates and Youngkin.—47.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Babbitt, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Steele, Stewart, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, Wilkinson, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—59.

The bill as amended, was then

Ordered to a third reading.

In pursuance of a resolution adopted on Saturday, the Speaker appointed Messrs. Sharp and Rawlings, as members of the Committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Logan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to limit the jurisdiction of justices of the peace," together with the amendment proposed by Mr. Kuykendall, reported the same back with sundry amendments, and recommended the rejection of

Mr. Kuykendall's proposed amendment. The amendments proposed by the committee were read.

Mr. Manning called for a division of the question, so as to take the vote on each proposed amendment separately.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. Kuykendall; when

On motion,

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of this State, in reply to a joint resolution of the two houses, requesting them to remit a portion of their salaries.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

A call of the House was ordered; and after some time spent therein,

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The communication just laid before the House was then read; when

Mr. Tunnel moved to lay said communication on the table.

Mr. Hicks moved to amend by adding the words "and print one thousand copies of the same."

Mr. Huffman moved to print two thousand copies.

Mr. Manning moved to print with said communication the joint resolution addressed to the Justices of the Supreme Court, requesting them to remit a portion of their salaries.

Mr. Logan moved to lay said communication on the table; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Deskines moved to print three thousand copies; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays on the demand of Messrs. Hicks and Rawlings, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Backenstos, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Emerson, Gregg, Huffman, Kuykendall, Logan, Miller of Winnebago, Parrish, Pratt, Ricks, Stewart, Wagner, Warren and White of Scott.—17.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Arnold, Babbitt, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Denning, Dunbar, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Leighton, Lockard, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—96.

The question was then taken on the motion made by Mr. Huffman to print two thousand copies, and decided in the negative.

The question then recurred on the motion made by Mr. Hicks, to print one thousand copies, and was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays on the demand of Messrs. Parrish and Kuykendall, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Alexander, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Boyakin, Brown, Burnett, Churchill, Collins, Davis of Williamson, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Leighton, Logan, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Nye, O'Connor, Parrish, Pratt, Ricks, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Stephenson, Steele, Stewart, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, White of Washington, Whiteside, Williams, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—48.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Arnold, Benedict, Blair, Brinkley, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Cushman, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Huffman, Jackson of Stark, Kirkpatrick, Lockard, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Oglesby, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Starne, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, White of Menard, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn and Zieber.—63.

Mr. Arnold moved to print five hundred copies of said communication, together with the joint resolution addressed to the Justices of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Parrish moved to print nine hundred and seventy-five copies of the communication, together with the joint resolution; which was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Thompson and Davis of Williamson, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Alexander, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Churchill, Collins, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Leighton, Logan, Manning, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Nye, O'Connor, Parrish, Pratt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Stephenson, Steele, Stewart, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, Whiteside, Williams, Yates, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—54.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Benedict, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Cushman, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Huffman, Jackson of Stark, Kuykendall, Lockard, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Oglesby, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Starne,

Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, White of Menard, White of Washington, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn and Zieber.—60.

The question was then taken on the motion made by Mr. Arnold, to print five hundred copies, and decided in the negative.

Mr. Parrish moved to lay said communication on the table, and to print the same for the use of the two Houses; which was not agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

Said communication was laid on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that they have passed bills of the following titles:

“An act authorizing administrators and executors from other States to prosecute suits in this State;”

“An act to amend ‘An act to provide for the election of probate justices of the peace;’ ”

“An act concerning corporations;” and

“An act for the relief of certain settlers on State lands.”

In the passage of which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have concurred with the House in the passage of bills of the following titles:

“An act to remove the seat of justice of Johnson county;” and

“An act to regulate mortgages on personal property;” the latter as amended by the Senate.

In which amendments, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Blair moved to dispense with the rule, and take up the bill for “An act to limit the jurisdiction of justices of the peace;” which was not agreed to.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles:

“An act to amend the law in relation to divorces;”

“An act to locate a State road from Batavia in Kane county, to David Bennett’s, in Du Page county;” and

“An act for the collection of taxes in Perry county for the year 1843.”

Mr. Nye, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles:

“An act to incorporate Jubilee College;”

“An act concerning the revenue;” and

“An act limiting the power of taxation in the city of Chicago.”

On motion of Mr. Emerson,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for “An act for the benefit of the heirs of John M. Robinson, deceased,” was taken up, read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in the same.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act amendatory of an act entitled 'An act to reduce the public debt one million of dollars, and to put the Bank of Illinois into liquidation;'" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The House then adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Dresser.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Campbell, Secretary of State.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to lay before the House of Representatives, a communication in writing.

Mr. Leighton presented the petition of sundry citizens of township thirteen north, range eleven west, in Morgan county, to be annexed to Scott county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on counties.

Mr. Logan presented the petition of E. H. Merryman and ninety others, praying relief for the infant children of John Norris; which, was read and on his motion, referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Deskines presented the petition of three hundred and eighty-six voters of Logan county, remonstrating against any division, or removal of the seat of justice of said county; which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Arnold presented the petition of eight hundred citizens of Cook county, praying the repeal of all laws making distinction between white and colored persons; which was read, when,

Mr. Kuykendall moved to postpone the further consideration of said petition until the fourth day of July.

Mr. Hick moved to refer the petition to a select committee of five.

Mr. Kuykendall moved to lay the petition on the table; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Huffman and Kuykendall, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hendry, Hicks, Jackson of Stark, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lott, Matthews, Morris, Morrison, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Starne, Steele, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Wagner, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—48.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Burnett, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Leighton, Logan, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pick-

ering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Ross, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Strong, Vedder, Vineyard, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, White-side, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Woollard, Yates and Youngkin.—64.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: the Senate have ordered 5000 copies to be printed, for the use of the two Houses, of the memorial of a committee of the State school convention, held at Peoria, in October last, upon the subject of Common School Education.

The Senate have adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That the contract entered into by the Secretary of State, with Walters & Weber, on the 26th day of November, 1844, for the folding, stitching, and binding, of this General Assembly, was not in accordance with law, and is hereby declared to be null and void, and not obligatory upon this State.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be instructed, after giving four weeks notice thereof, to receive proposals for doing the said work, as directed in the act approved Feb. 23, 1843; and at the expiration of said time for so receiving proposals, he let the said work to the lowest responsible bidder therefor, as is provided for in said act.

The Senate have also adopted the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That his excellency, the Governor, be requested to cause a national salute of 26 rounds of the cannon—one for each State, and one round for the lone star of the Texas, and also one gun for each of the territories of Florida, Wisconsin and Iowa, and one for Oregon; to be performed on the 8th inst., on the public square of this city, in commemoration of the victory gained near the city of New Orleans, by the American arms, under the immortal Jackson, on the 8th of January, 1815.

In the adoption of which several resolutions, the Senate ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Another message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of a bill for "An act for the benefit of the heirs of John M. Robinson, deceased."

Mr. Morrison moved to amend the motion made by Mr. Hick, by adding the following, viz: "with instructions to inquire particularly into the expediency of repealing all that part of the act entitled, "An act respecting free negroes, mulattoes, servants and slaves," that prohibits the intermarriage of the petitioners with ladies of color, and that they report by bill or otherwise."

Mr. Logan moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table; which was agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Hicks and Sexton, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Arenz, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Blair, Brown, Churchill, Collins, Davis of McLean, Denning, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jack-

son of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Leighton, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Parrish, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ross, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Warren, White of Menard, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Woollard, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—69.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Dunbar, Hicks, Kuykendall, Morris, Morrison, Oglesby, Pitner, Prevo, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Stephenson, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Scott, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wood, Woodburn and Youngkin.—38.

Mr. Lott moved to amend the motion of reference made by Mr. Hick, by instructing the committee "to report against the repeal of any portion of the existing laws respecting negroes, mulattoes, servants and slaves."

Mr. Manning moved to amend the proposed amendment, by adding the following, viz: "but to report in favor of the modification of such laws, if such modification be necessary."

Mr. Hick moved the previous question, which was agreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that they have passed bills of the following titles:

"An act to increase the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in certain cases;"

"An act to enable former and late collectors of the revenue in the several counties of this State, to collect any taxes remaining due and unpaid;"

"An act for the relief of Thomas A. Nicholas."

"An act to authorise Rice Fay to build a mill dam across Fox river."

"An act to amend, and in addition to 'An act to incorporate the town of Rock Island, in Rock Island county;' and

"An act to enable the inhabitants of Elgin precinct in Kane county to keep in repair a bridge across Fox river."

In the passage of which several bills, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. Manning to the amendment proposed by Mr. Lott, and decided in the affirmative.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. Lott, as amended; on which question, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Boyakin and Kuykendall; when,

On motion,

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting copies of the annual reports of the Illinois Mu-

tual Fire Insurance Company for the years 1843 and 1844. The communication was read, when,

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Said communication and the accompanying documents were laid on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House the communication from the Governor, received this morning, in reply to a joint resolution of the two Houses, requesting the judges of the Supreme Court and the Governor, to relinquish a portion of their salaries; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Hendry,

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule was dispensed with, and the message from the Senate, containing resolutions relative to the public binding, and also a resolution relative to the celebration of the 8th of January, was taken up for consideration; when,

The resolution requesting the Governor to cause a national salute to be fired on the 8th inst., was read.

Mr. Logan moved to amend said resolution by striking out the words "public square," which was not agreed to.

Mr. Pickering moved to strike out of said resolution the words "one round for the lone star of Texas."

On motion of Mr. Davis of Williamson,

Said amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Huffman moved to amend the resolution by adding the words, "provided the powder used in firing such salute shall not be paid for out of the State treasury;" when,

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

Said amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Pickering moved to amend the resolution by adding the following, "and that two guns be fired for the Union."

Mr. Starne moved the previous question, which was agreed to.

The question was then taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Pickering, and decided in the negative.

The question was then taken on concurring with the Senate in the adoption of said resolution, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that they have passed a bill for "An act for the regulation and government of the militia of the State of Illinois."

In the passage of which, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The resolutions adopted by the Senate, rescinding the contract lately made by the Secretary of State with Walters & Weber, for the public binding of the present General Assembly, were read; when

Mr. Sexton moved to refer said resolutions to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hicks moved to refer said resolutions to the Committee of the Whole House, and make them the order of the day for this afternoon; which was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole House, on the resolutions relative to the public binding, Mr. Blair in the chair; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Blair, from the said Committee, reported that they had had under consideration certain resolutions of the Senate, rescinding the contract for the public binding, made by the Secretary of State with Walters & Weber, and recommended that the House concur with the Senate in their adoption.

Mr. Gregg moved to amend said resolutions by striking out all after the word "resolved," and inserting the following in lieu thereof, viz:

"That the determination of the validity of the contract made on the 26th day of November, 1844, for the public binding between the Secretary of State and Walters & Weber, is a Judicial question, and cannot properly be entertained and decided by the legislative branch of the government."

Mr. Cochran moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table; which was agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Gregg and Hicks, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Leighton, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—87.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Burnett, Collins, Deskines, Gregg, Hick, Jackson of McHenry, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, Manning, Miller of Fulton, Morille, Scott of De Witt, Sherman, Stewart, Wagner, Whiteside, Woollard and Wood.—25.

Mr. Ross moved to amend said resolutions by striking out the second resolution; which was not agreed to.

The question was then taken on concurring with the Senate in the adoption of said resolutions, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Gregg and Davis of Williamson, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Leighton, Logan, Mat-

thews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—85.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Campbell, Collins, Deskins, Gregg, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, Manning, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, O'Connor, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Sherman, Stewart, Wagner and Woollard.—23.

Ordered, that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Loop, from the Committee on Enrolled bills, reported as correctly enrolled, "An act for the benefit of the heirs of John M. Robinson, deceased;" and that they had this day laid said bill before the Council of Revision.

On motion of Mr. Pickering,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following preamble and resolution, which were read, viz:

WHEREAS: a joint resolution having been passed this day, authorising his excellency the Governor, to direct the firing of several guns on the 8th of January, as a national salute: Be it also further

Resolved, as a supplement thereto, that, after said guns have all been fired on that day, at night an additional salute of three rounds be fired in honor of the ladies of these United States, and of the world.

Mr. Blair moved to strike out the word "ladies," and insert "James K. Polk and George M. Dallas;" when,

On motion,

The House adjourned until Thursday.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Edson.

The petition presented on Tuesday by Mr. Arnold, of eight hundred citizens of Cook county, praying the repeal of all laws making distinction between white and colored persons, came up for consideration in its proper order.

The question recurred on the amendment proposed by Mr. Lott, as amended, pending, when the House adjourned on Tuesday, and was decided in the negative.

The question was then taken on the motion made by Mr. Hick, to refer said petition to a select committee of five, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Davis of Williamson and Miller of Winnebago, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Burnett, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson,

Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Logan, Loop, Manning, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Ross, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Strong, Tunnel, Vedder, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber.—67.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hicks, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lott, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Starne, Thompson, Turley, Vineyard, Wagner, Wood, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker.—38.

Ordered, That Messrs. Hick, Woollard, Collins, Smith of Sangamon and Aldrich be said committee.

Mr. Blair presented the petition of nine hundred and twelve citizens of the counties of Pike, Adams and Marquette, praying for a new county, to be created from parts of said counties; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Benedict presented the petition of one hundred citizens of Macon county, praying for legislative aid in the improvement of the Sangamon river; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Lott presented the petition of sundry citizens of Adams county, praying the repeal of the law creating the county of Marquette; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Scott of De Witt, presented the petition of four hundred and twenty-nine citizens of De Witt county, praying the removal of the county seat of said county to Waynesville; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Lott presented the petition of sundry citizens of Marquette county, praying to have a portion of said county attached to the county of Brown; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Deskines presented the petition of M. W. Swing and ten others, citizens of Mason county, praying the passage of a law to authorise the sale of certain land therein described; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Pitner presented the petition of sundry citizens of Clay county, praying the passage of an act for the relief of James Check; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Miller of Fulton presented the petition of twenty-two citizens of Knox county, praying the incorporation of a joint stock company for the improvement of the navigation of Spoon river; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Miller of Fulton, Manning and Sharp, be that committee.

Mr. Backenstos presented the petition of thirteen hundred and thirty-seven citizens of Nauvoo city, remonstrating against the repeal of the Nauvoo city charters; which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Pratt presented the petition of the inhabitants of section sixteen, township seventeen, range ten west of the third principal meridian, praying the passage of a law to authorize the revaluation of said section; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Manning presented the petition of citizens of Knox county, praying the incorporation of Cherry Grove Seminary, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Manning presented the petition of sundry citizens of Knox county, praying the change of a State road therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Smith of Bureau presented the petition of sundry citizens of Bureau county, praying for the repeal or modification of the laws in relation to colored persons; which was read, when,

Mr. Smith of Bureau moved to refer said petition to the select committee to which was this day referred, the petition from citizens of Cook county on the same subject.

Mr. Whiteside moved to lay said petition on the table; which was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays on the demand of Messrs. Boyakin and Huffman, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hendry, Hicks, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lott, Morris, Morrison, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Starne, Thompson, Turley, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker.—33.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Burnett, Churchill, Collins, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Leighton, Logan, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Ross, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Tunnel, Vedder, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber.—65.

Mr. Morrison moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question was then taken on the motion made by Mr. Smith of Bureau, to refer said petition to the select committee, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays on the demand of Messrs. Boyakin and Huffman, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barns-

back, Burnett, Churchill, Collins, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Leighton, Logan, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Ross, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Strong, Tunnel, Vedder, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber.—70.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hicks, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lott, Morris, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Starne, Thompson, Turley, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker.—41.

Mr. Logan moved to take up the petition of Ezra Lyman and twenty-eight others, concerning the rights of colored persons, presented some time since and laid on the table.

Mr. Rawlings moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion made by Mr. Logan to take up said petition, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays on the demand of Messrs. Kuykendall and Pratt, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Burnett, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Logan, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Ross, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Tunnel, Vedder, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber.—67.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hendry, Hicks, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lott, Morris, Morrison, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Starne, Thompson, Turley, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker.—41.

Mr. Logan moved that the petition be referred to the same select committee to which were referred petitions on the same subject from the citizens of Cook and Bureau counties.

Mr. Sexton moved to amend said motion of reference, by adding the following, "that the committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of transporting the negroes from the county of Gallatin to the county of the petitioners."

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The proposed amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Denning moved to amend the motion of reference made by Mr. Logan, by adding the following as instructions to said committee, viz:—
“That it is inexpedient and improper to allow negroes to vote at our elections, and improper to allow them to intermarry with white people; and that the committee be instructed to report against the repeal of any of the laws now in force relating to negroes and mulattoes.”

Mr. Logan moved to amend the proposed instructions, by striking out the clause requiring the committee to report against the repeal of any of the laws now in force relating to negroes and mulattoes.

Mr. Thompson moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question was then taken on the proposed amendment of Mr. Logan, to the amendment proposed by Mr. Denning, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays on the demand of Messrs. Davis of Williamson and Hicks, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Arnold, Barnsback, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Emerson, Fletcher, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Leighton, Logan, Loop, Manning, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, O'Connor, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Ross, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Strong, Tunnel, Warren, White of Menard, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber.—58.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Babbitt, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Gregg, Hendry, Hicks, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lott, McDonald, Morris, Morrison, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Starne, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Scott, White of Washington, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker.—50.

The question was then taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Denning, as amended, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Davis of Williamson and Bradley, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish,

Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—108.

Those who voted in the negative, are,
Messrs. Aldrich, Miller of Winnebago, Smith of Sangamon and Youngkin.—4.

On motion of Mr. Hannaford,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution, which was read, viz:

Resolved, That the use of this Hall be granted to the Education Committee this evening, Thursday, the 9th of January, 1845.

Mr. Yates moved to amend the resolution, by adding the following, viz: "that the Temperance Society have the use of the Hall to-morrow evening;" which was agreed to.

The resolution, as amended, was then agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Thompson and Denning, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Backenstos, Barnsback, Blair, Burnett, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Janney, Jewell, Leighton, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, O'Connor, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Ross, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Tunnel, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard, Yates and Youngkin.—67.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Babbitt, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Denning, Hendry, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Morrison, Oglesby, Parrish, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Thompson, Vedder, Vineyard, Wood, Woodburn, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—28.

On motion,

The House adjourned until two o'clock.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from a select committee; when he reported from the select committee, to which was referred a bill for "An act for the relief of certain persons therein named," with the amendments proposed to the

bill by the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, reported the same back to the House and recommended the rejection of the first amendment, of the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, and that the House concur in the second amendment.

The question was then taken on concurring in the first amendment proposed by the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, which was not agreed to.

The House then concurred in the second amendment.

Mr. Ross proposed to amend the bill by adding the following as an additional section, "and that all other persons, who have lost their crops or other property, by the inscrutable dispensations of Providence, be in like manner, relieved from the payment of taxes."

Mr. Herndon moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table which was not agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The bill and proposed amendment was re-committed to the same select committee, which had just reported the same back to the House.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, moved to dispense with the rule of the House, to enable him to make a report from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, which was not agreed to.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Auditor of Public Accounts, in answer to a resolution of the House, calling for certain information on the subjects of the population of the counties of this State, taxes paid by the several counties in the State, and the amount that each county has received from the Treasury during the same time, which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Blair,

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed for the use of two Houses.

The Speaker laid before the House another communication from the Auditor of Public Accounts, in answer to a resolution of the House calling for information concerning the time employed by Weber and others, in making tract books, &c., which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

Referred to the Committee on Retrenchment, with the following instructions, viz:

With instructions to enquire whether or not any money has been drawn out of the Treasury, and paid to John B. Weber and assistants, or other persons, for making tract books, or any other person, beyond the appropriations made by law for the same; and if so, how much.

The Speaker laid before the House another communication from the Auditor of Public Accounts, in answer to a resolution calling for information in relation to false warrants drawn by Milton H. Wash, &c., which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Robbins,

Referred to the Committee on Retrenchment.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting to the House various communications and resolutions from different States upon various subjects.

Resolutions from the State of Maine, on the subject of abolishing the Military Academy at West Point; was read, and,

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On motion of Mr. Tunnel,
Laid on the table.

Resolutions of the Legislature of South Carolina, on the subject of the assumption of State debts by the General Government, were read, and,

On motion of Mr. Logan,
Laid on the table.

Resolutions of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, in relation to amendments of the Constitution of the United States, and other subjects; the reading of which, were,

On motion of Mr. Logan,
Dispensed with, and laid on the table.

Resolutions of the State of Alabama on the subject of the assumption of the State debts by the General Government, were read and laid on the table.

Resolutions of the Legislature of Georgia, in relation to an exchange of documents with the different States, were read, and

On motion of Mr. Logan,
Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Georgia, on the subject of repudiation by the States of their debts, were read, and laid on the table.

Resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, against Congress interfering with their internal Government and Constitution of that State, were read, and

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,
Referred to the select committee to which was referred a resolution some time since on the subject of the imprisonment of Gov. Dorr.

Resolutions of the Legislature of Connecticut, against the annexation of Texas to the United States, were read, and

On motion of Mr. Gregg,
Referred to the select committee to which was referred resolutions of this House on the annexation of Texas to the United States.

Two series of resolutions adopted by the Legislature of Connecticut, one on the subject of repudiation of State debts, the other on the subject of the assumption of the State debts by the General Government, were read, and laid on the table.

Resolutions of the Legislature of New Jersey, on the subject of repudiation of State debts, were read, and with all communications on that subject,

On motion of Mr. Arnold,
Referred to a select committee of five.

Ordered, That Messrs. Arnold, Cushman, Hannaford, Hicks and Pickering, be said committee.

Resolutions of the Legislature of Massachusetts, on the subject of the Annexation of Texas to the United States, were read, and

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,
Referred to the same select committee to which was referred resolutions of the same character.

Resolutions of the Legislature of Massachusetts on the subject of French depredations on American commerce, and on the subject of the controversy between New York and Virginia, were severally read, and,

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Laid on the table.

Memorial of the Historical Society of New York, requesting public documents, &c., was read, and

On motion of Mr. Denning,

Referred to the committee on Retrenchment.

Communication from the New York Institution for the Blind, on the subject of educating blind persons, was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Arenz,

Referred to the committee on Education.

Resolutions of the Legislature of Massachusetts, relating to a preamble and resolutions, and certain proceedings of the General Assembly of the State of Virginia, were read, and

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz :

Resolved, That, in addition to the standing committees now in existence, a committee shall be appointed, to be styled "The committee on Federal Relations."

Mr. Nye, from the committee on engrossed bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles, viz :

"An act entitled "An act for the further restriction of imprisonment for debt ;" and

"An act to establish a State Road from St. Mary's, in Jasper county, to Cumberland, in Clark county."

A Senate bill for "An act to amend, and in addition to 'An act to incorporate the town of Rock Island, in Rock Island county,'" was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz :

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House be hereby requested to appoint an additional member of the Committee on Banks and Corporations, to serve in the place of the Hon. Isaac S. Berry, during the time said gentleman shall be detained by ill health from occupying his seat in this body.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution,

The Speaker appointed Mr. Stewart to fill the vacancy in the committee on Banks and Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Kirkpatrick,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolutions, which were read, viz :

Resolved, by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives be earnestly requested, to employ their united efforts to procure the passage of a law or resolutions, having for their object, with or without the consent of Mexico, the immediate re-incorporation of Texas into the United States of America.

Resolved, That we are in favor of this great measure, because we regard Texas a free, independent and sovereign Republic; and being free, independent and sovereign, has full and perfect authority to dispose of her soil and sovereignty, when, how, and to whom she may choose, consulting no human power but her own will; because, if the territory and people of Texas ever did constitute a portion of the Government of Mexico, that territory and people have been severed from her by the sword on the gallant field of San Jacinto; because the acquisition of Texas will create on our south-western border a bulwark of defence against foreign invasion, intrusion, or interference; because it will add an empire to our already magnificent Republic, and because the freemen of Texas wish, and have shown, by their heroic deeds, that they deserve to be re-united to their brethren and friends in the mother country.

Resolved, by the people aforesaid, represented as aforesaid, that the illustrious occupant of the Hermitage, the sage and soldier, the first and greatest man of the age, is entitled to, and we hereby tender him, in the solemn language of a last and eternal farewell, the homage of our profound and heartfelt gratitude, for the many and important services he has rendered our common country; and especially for the powerful influence which his opinions, writings and great name, have exercised upon the American mind in relation to the question of annexation.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to cause copies of the foregoing resolutions to be transmitted to Andrew Jackson, and to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Mr. Pickering moved to amend said resolutions by adding the following, viz:

“And that when Texas is safely added to these United States, that Congress be requested to build a fortified wall along the entire western frontier line thereof, after the fashion of the Chinese wall.”

On motion of Mr. Denning,

Said amendment was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The resolutions were then referred to the same select committee to which were referred some time since resolutions relative to the annexation of Texas to this Union.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from a standing committee; when

Mr. Boyakin, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for “An act to change the name of Edward Hand Fitch,” reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, which was agreed to.

On his motion, said bill was referred to the Joint Committee on Change of Names.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for “An act for the completion of the Illinois and Michigan Canal;” which, on his motion, was read the first time by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The rule was dispensed with, to allow him to make a report from a standing committee; when

Mr. Davis of McLean, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of William Weatherford, treasurer of township thirteen north, range nine west, in Morgan county, reported a bill for "An act to authorize the school commissioner of Morgan county to pay certain money;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Denning,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act to authorise actions at law against foreign corporations;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Youngkin,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act concerning public roads;" when

On motion,

The House adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Richmond.

Mr. Logan presented the petition of 165 voters of Lick Creek, in Sangamon county, praying for a new county, to be established from the counties of Sangamon, Morgan and Macoupin; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Smith of Bureau, presented three several petitions of 746 citizens of the counties of Putnam and Bureau, praying for "An act authorising the County Commissioners of said counties to lease the ferry at Hennepin, and for other purposes;" which, without reading, were, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Scott of Macoupin, presented the petition of 695 citizens of Macoupin county, praying the formation of a new county out of parts of Sangamon, Morgan and Macoupin counties; which, without reading, was referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Lott presented the petition of Thomas C. King, for compensation for executing executive writ; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Jackson of M'Henry, presented the petition of sundry citizens of M'Henry county, praying the re-location of a part of Belvidere and Little Fort State road; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Harper presented the petition of citizens of Rock Island county, praying an alteration in the charter of the Rock Island University; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Jackson of M'Henry,

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Yates presented the petition of 262 citizens of Morgan county,

praying the formation of a new county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Wood presented the remonstrance of citizens of Macoupin county against division; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Loop presented the petition of sundry citizens of Boone county, praying for an addition to said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Armstrong presented the petition of fifty citizens of Grundy county, praying for their distributive share of the School, College and Seminary fund received by La Salle county for the years 1841 and 1842; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Nye presented the claim of Isham Scoggen's for services in the disturbances in Hancock county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Pratt presented the claim of Lewis Bartlett, of Cass county, for hauling ordnance of Springfield Artillery from Beardstown to Springfield; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Backenstos presented the account and report of the Commissary, stationed at Carthage in Hancock county, showing the amount and kind of provisions purchased for the use of the army under the directions of the Commander in Chief, and consumed at that place; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Randolph presented the claim of the militia of the county of McDonough for services in the late disturbances in Hancock county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Wagner presented the petition of Henry Troup and eighty-four citizens of the county of Iroquois, praying for a State Road therein described, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Morrill presented the petition of E. S. Barnard, Henry Snyder, and 200 others, citizens of Marshall and Putnam counties, praying for a new county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Babbitt presented the claims of several persons for compensation for provisions furnished during the disturbances in Hancock county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Aldrich presented the petition of P. M'Kelleps & Co. for payment for work done on Central Rail Road; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Cushman presented the petition of one hundred and ninety citizens of La Salle county, asking for a State Road; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Haley presented the petition of William Nash and one hundred and four others, citizens of Warren county, praying a reduction of the rate of interest; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Mr. Haley presented the petition of William Nash and one hundred and twenty-four others, citizens of Warren county, praying the passage of a law confining the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace and Constables to their respective districts; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sherman presented the petition of sundry citizens of the county of Cook, praying that no reduction be made on interest in this State; which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Mr. Babbitt presented the petition of eighty-nine citizens of township seven north, five west of the fourth principal meridian, in Hancock county, praying for an act to re-appraise the school lands in said township; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill for "An act to limit the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace," upon which the House adjourned on the sixth inst., came up in its regular order for consideration.

A division of the question having been called for by Mr. Manning,

The question recurred on the amendment proposed by Mr. Kuykendall; when

Mr. Davis of Williamson, moved to refer the bill, together with the proposed amendments, to a select committee; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Parrish moved to refer the bill and proposed amendments to the Committee of the Whole House, and make it the order of the day for this day; which was agreed to: when,

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The rule was dispensed with, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the bill reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, for "An act to limit the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace;" Mr. Sharp in the chair; and, after some time spent therein,

Mr. Sharp, from the Committee of the Whole House, to which the subject had been referred, reported that they have had under consideration a bill for "An act to limit the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace," with the amendments proposed thereto, and had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again; which was granted.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of a bill for "An act to incorporate the Chicago and Rock river Plank Road Company," with sundry amendments; in which amendments the Senate ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Churchill, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the memorial of the Common Council of the city of Alton, praying the right to levy a special tax, reported a bill for "An act to amend the charter of the city of Alton;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Whiteside, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill for "An act for the relief of the late tax collector of Montgomery county," reported the same back, with sundry amendments, which were read and concurred in; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Parrish, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of citizens of Coles county, praying relief to Alfred Jones, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to.

Mr. Dunbar moved to refer said petition to a select committee, when,

On motion,

The House adjourned until two o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution, which was read, viz:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the use of this hall, on Saturday evening next, January 11th, be granted to the Female Education Society of the State of Illinois.

Mr. Warren moved to amend said resolution, by striking out all after the word "resolved," and inserting the following in lieu thereof, viz:

"That, hereafter, all applications for the use of this hall be made to the Honorable the Speaker, and that he be authorized to grant the use of the same when he shall deem it expedient and proper."

The question being on the adoption of said amendment, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Parrish moved to amend the resolution by adding the following, viz:

"And that, after that time, this hall shall be reserved for the use of the members of the House and its committees; and that all resolutions heretofore passed, granting the same to other purposes, be rescinded."

Mr. Deskines moved to amend the proposed amendment by adding the following, viz:

"And that the resolution granting the hall on the eighth of January, for the use of celebrating that day, be expunged from the journals; when,

On motion of Mr. Henderson,

Said amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Boyakin moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. Parrish, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, and Oglesby, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Funkhouser, Hardie, Hendry, Hicks, Hitt, Jackson of M'Henry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Leighton, Lott, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Starne, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Wilcox, Williams, Wood and Mr. Speaker.—64.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Barnsback, Churchill, Cushman, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Huffman, Janney, Logan, Loop, M'Donald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Pickering, Pitner, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Warren, White of Menard, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber.—38,

The question was then taken on the adoption of the resolution as amended, and decided in the affirmative.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Campbell, Secretary of State.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to transmit to the House of Representatives a written communication.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that they have concurred with the House in the passage of a bill for "An act to permanently locate the county seat of the county of Alexander," with an amendment; in which amendment the Senate ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the select Committee to whom was referred sundry petitions praying for the repeal of certain laws now in force in relation to free negroes, mulattoes, &c., be instructed to enquire whether or not any organized line is now established in any portion of this State for the transportation of runaway negroes from slave States; and if so, to recommend some mode by which this illegal and unwarranted attempt on the part of persons thus engaged, to purloin and convey, or to aid and abet in purloining, conveying and carrying away the slaves of other persons, may be more effectually prevented, and the offenders therein promptly and adequately punished; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Resolved, also, That we think the laws prohibiting the intermarriage of whites and blacks ought not to be repealed, and that free negroes ought not to be allowed to vote.

The resolutions being read, the question on their adoption was taken by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Henderson, and Davis of Williamson, and decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Cushman, Davis of M'Lean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of M'Henry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Logan, Manning, M'Donald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stark-

weather, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—109.

None voting in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Logan.

The House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House again on the bill for "An act to limit the jurisdiction of justices of the peace," together with pending amendments thereto; Mr. Sharp in the Chair, and after some time spent therein, the Committee rose, and by their Chairman, reported said bill and amendments back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The question being taken on discharging the Committee from the further consideration of said bill and amendments, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Logan moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question was then taken on agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Kuykendall, and decided in the negative.

Mr. Logan moved to reconsider the vote just taken on ordering the previous question; which was agreed to; when

Mr. Starkweather moved to amend the amendment proposed by the Committee on the Judiciary, by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting the following in lieu thereof, viz:

"That probate justices of the peace, when acting as an ordinary justice, justices of the peace and constables, in their jurisdiction, shall be restricted and confined to the precinct in which they have or may hereafter be elected, in all civil cases except in action of trespass, trover, forcible entry and detainer processes against a garnishee or garnishees, writs of attachment subpœnas, and processes to summon and compel the attendance of witnesses and jurors; *provided*, however, that in all cases probate justices of the peace, and justices of the peace, shall have power to issue executions on judgments rendered by them to any part of their respective counties, and said constables may serve the same; and *provided further*, that whenever the office of justice of the peace in any precinct shall become vacant by death, resignation or absence, the plaintiff shall have the right to bring suit before the next nearest justice of the peace.

SEC. 2. When there are two or more defendants to any one action, residing in different precincts, the plaintiff in such case may sue before a justice in the precinct of either one of the defendants, and have process for the other defendant or defendants, returnable before such justice, and the constable may serve the same on all the defendants as in other cases; and in all cases the defendant or defendants may remove the trial before the next nearest justice as is now provided by law, and the constable serving such process shall have the same jurisdiction as though trial had not been removed.

SEC. 3. That in all actions of debt, assumpsit, petition, summons or covenant, brought in the circuit court where a justice of the peace has jurisdiction, and in which the plaintiff shall not recover a judgment for more than fifty dollars, the plaintiff shall not recover costs against the defendant or defendants unless the judgment is so reduced by offsets.

SEC. 4. All acts and parts of acts coming within the purview of this act be and the same are hereby repealed."

Mr. Hicks moved to refer said bill and proposed amendments to a select committee.

Mr. Whiteside moved the previous question which was agreed to.

The question then recurring on the amendment proposed by Mr. Starkweather to the amendment proposed by the Committee on the Judiciary, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays on the demand of Messrs. Starkweather and Alexander, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Alexander, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Haley, Hanson, Hicks, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, McDonald, Morrille, Morris, Parrish, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Starkweather, Tunnel, Turley, Vineyard, White of Washington, Woollard, Wood and Woodburn.—42.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Arenz, Arnold, Barnsback, Blair, Boyakin, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Denning, Emerson, Fletcher, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Leighton, Logan, Lott, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrison, Myers, O'Connor, Oglesby, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Randolph, Ross, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—60.

The question was then taken on concurring with the Committee on the Judiciary in their proposed amendment to the bill, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays on the demand of Messrs. Huffman and Armstrong, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brown, Burnett, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Herndon, Hick, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Logan, Manning, Matthews, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Myers, O'Connor, Pratt, Randolph, Ricks, Ross, Sexton, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vineyard, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—65.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Armstrong, Bradley, Brinkley, Campbell, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Harriott, Henderson, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lott, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Adams, Morrille, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Stephenson, Wagner, White of Washington, Wood and Woodburn.—39.

The bill, as amended, was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A message from the Council of Revision, by Mr. Hawley, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to say that the Council of Revision has approved bills of the following titles, viz:

“An act making certain appropriations to mechanics and others for work done in the State House;”

“An act for the benefit of the heirs of John M. Robinson, deceased;” and

“An act to remove the seat of justice of Johnson county.”

Mr. Kuykendall, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported, as correctly enrolled, a bill for “An act to remove the seat of justice of Johnson county;” and that they had this day laid the same before the Council of Revision.

On motion of Mr. Sharp,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That both Houses of the General Assembly will meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Tuesday, the 14th day of January, 1845, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing a public printer for the State of Illinois.

On motion,

The House adjourned.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Dresser.

Mr. Scott of DeWitt presented the petition of 427 legal voters of the county of De Witt for a division of said county, and to form a new county, to be called “Polk;” which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Benedict presented the petition and instructions of a public meeting held in Macon county, on the subject of taxation, retrenchment, improvement of rivers, and roads; which was read, when,

Mr. Jackson of McHenry moved to lay it on the table, when,

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

It was referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Sherman presented the petition of citizens of Cook county, praying for an increase of revenue in this State; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Deskines presented the petition of Timothy B. Hoblit and 699 citizens of Logan and De Witt, praying that a portion of the territory of Logan county be attached to DeWitt county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Arnold presented the petition of Wm. Young and 329 others, asking for the creation of a new county out of parts of the counties of Cook and Will; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Funkhouser presented the petition of forty-five citizens of Effingham county, praying the additional half townships therein named to said

county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Funkhouser, Turley and Hanson be that committee.

Mr. Turley presented the petition of fifty-three citizens of Shelby county, praying that a portion of said county be attached to Effingham county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the same select committee to which was referred the petition of the citizens of Effingham county on the same subject.

Mr. Sherman presented the petition of the county commissioners' court of Cook county, praying for an alteration of laws therein referred to; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The petition of citizens of Coles county, praying for the relief of Alfred Jones, from the further consideration of which the committee on Claims was on yesterday discharged, came up in its regular order.

The question recurring on the motion made by Mr. Dunbar, to refer said petition to a select committee, pending, when the House adjourned.

Mr. Dunbar withdrew said motion of reference; when,

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred the Senate bill for "An act to repeal the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the city of Nauvoo,' approved December 16, 1840," reported the same back to the House without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Logan moved to commit the bill to the committee of the Whole House, and make it the order of the day for Wednesday next.

Mr. Davis of Williamson moved the previous question; which was not agreed to.

The question was then taken on the motion to refer the bill to the committee of the Whole House, and decided in the affirmative.

On motion,

The House adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Edson.

Mr. Brinkley moved that the rule of the House be dispensed with during the forenoon of this day, to enable members to introduce resolutions; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Brinkley then moved that the rule be dispensed with, to enable him to introduce a resolution; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Kuykendall presented the petition of sundry citizens of southern Illinois, praying for concurrent jurisdiction with Kentucky over the Ohio river; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Huffman presented the petition of Abraham Smith and fifteen others, praying for the organization of a school district therein named;

which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Scott, of Macoupin, presented the petition of Wm. Welsh and two hundred other citizens of Macoupin county, praying relief for the said Wm. Welsh; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Campbell presented the petition of fifty-two citizens of Wayne county, praying the passage of a law for the removal of the mill-dams across the Little Wabash river at Carmi and New Haven; which was read, and on his motion, referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Wynne, a Senator.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have concurred with them in the adoption of their resolution proposing that the two Houses of the General Assembly meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives on to-morrow, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing a Public Printer.

Mr. Scott of De Witt presented the remonstrance of four hundred and forty-two citizens of De Witt county, remonstrating against the division and the removal of the seat of justice of said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Hendry presented the petition of sundry citizens of the counties of Adams, Hancock and Marquette, praying the formation of a new county; which was read, and on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of James Dewitt, jr. Treasurer and Ex-officio Assessor for Schuyler county, praying an extension of time, &c.; which was read, and on his motion, referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Emerson presented the proceedings of a public meeting held in Graysville, White county, praying a reduction in State expenditures; which was read, and on his motion, referred to the committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Miller, of Winnebago, presented the petition of Samuel Cunningham and other citizens of Winnebago county, for the relief of said Cunningham; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Loop presented the petition of the inhabitants of the north half of township No. 42, in range 4, in De Kalb county, praying that said territory be attached to Boone county; which without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Babbitt presented the petition of John Parker, praying for a divorce; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Morrille presented the petition of G. H. Wilson, Henry Mills and two hundred and seventy-five other citizens of Putman county, remonstrating against the prayer of the petition of the citizens of the counties of Bureau and Putnam; which, without reading was referred to the committee on State Roads.

Mr. Jewell presented the petition of one hundred citizens of De Kalb county, praying an alteration of the laws in relation to persons of color; which was read.

Mr. Jewell moved to refer the petition to a select committee.

Mr. Denning moved the indefinite postponement of the further consideration of the petition; when,

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The main question was ordered, when the question was taken on its reference to a select committee, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Messrs. Denning, Cochran and Kuykendall be that committee.

In pursuance of a resolution adopted some days since, the Speaker announced the following as a standing committee on Federal Relations:

Messrs. Boyakin, Ross, Arnold, Alexander, Yates, Denning, Dunbar, Tunnel and Logan.

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution; which was read, viz:

Resolved, That all memorials and petitions of every kind, relative to the abolition of slavery, or the changing of laws making a distinction between the whites and blacks in this State, presented to this House, shall be laid on the table and referred without debate.

Mr. Wagner moved to amend the resolution, by striking out all after the word "table."

Mr. Burnett moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. Wagner, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Parrish and Oglesby, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hannaford, Hendry, Hicks, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, McDonald, Morris, Morrison, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Thompson, Turley, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker.—39.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Blair, Bradley, Burnett, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Leighton, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pickering, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Tunnel, Vedder, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber—65.

The question then recurring on the adoption of the resolution, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays on the demand of Messrs. Boyakin and Hicks, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Blair, Bradley, Brown, Burnett, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Emerson, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry,

Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Logan, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pickering, Pitner, Randolph, Reed, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Thompson, Tunnel, Vedder, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Woollard, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—74.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Arnold, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Campbell, Denning, Funkhouser, Gregg, Herndon, Hicks, Janney, Kuykendall, Leighton, Loop, Morrille, Oglesby, Parrish, Prevo, Ricks, Robbins, Stewart, Turley, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Washington, Woodburn and Yates.—30.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Campbell, Secretary of State.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to lay before the House of Representatives a communication in writing.

Mr. Lott presented the petition of sundry citizens of Marquette county, praying the formation of a new county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Morrille presented the petition of John P. Blake and others, praying for an alteration of the school law; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Yates, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act relative to criminal jurisprudence,'" reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage; when the bill was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill for "An act regulating the assessment and collection of the public revenue;" when, on his motion, the bill was read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title; when,

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

Said bill was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Arnold, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred so much of the message of the Governor as relates to the State debt, increase of taxation, &c., and also bills and resolutions on the subject of the State debt, made a report on those subjects; when,

Mr. Lott moved to lay the report on the table, and print the same.

Mr. Ross moved to amend the motion made by Mr. Lott, by adding "and that two thousand copies thereof be printed;" which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

Five hundred copies of the bill reported from the committee on Finance for "An act regulating the assessment and collection of the public revenue," were ordered to be printed for the use of the two Houses.

Mr. Arnold, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill for "An act to provide for paying a portion of the interest on the State debt; which was read the first time; when,

Mr. Pickering moved to lay the bill on the table, and print five hundred copies for the use of the two Houses.

Mr. Thompson moved to amend said motion by striking out "five hundred copies;" which was not agreed to; when,

The question was taken on the motion made by Mr. Pickering, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Davis of McLean, from the committee on Education, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act for the relief of William Moss," reported the same back to the House without amendment, and recommended its passage; when the bill was

Ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Lott, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to legalize the sale of school lands in Adams county," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage; when the bill was,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have adopted the accompanying preamble and resolutions, proposing that our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their endeavors to procure the passage of a law, by Congress, providing that copies of the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States be presented to the Executive and Legislative branches of each of the State Governments, &c.

In the adoption of which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Logan, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a resolution relative to the expediency of amending the law so as to prevent Judges of the Supreme Court from sitting in any cause which may be brought before said court by appeal from their own decision, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; when, after debate,

On motion,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Governor, on the subject of providing by law for the prosecution of a suit taken by writ of error to the Supreme Court of the United States from the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois; which was read,

Mr. Dunbar moved to refer the communication to the select committee, to which was referred several petitions praying the repeal of all laws making differences between white and colored persons.

On motion of Mr. Denning,

A call of the House was ordered, and after some time spent therein,

On motion of Mr. Davis of Williamson,

Further proceeding under the call was dispensed with, and the communication referred, on Mr. Dunbar's motion, to the select committee as above.

Mr. Blair asked leave of absence for Mr. Starne until Thursday next; which was granted.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The rule of the House was dispensed with and the bill for "An act for the construction of the Illinois and Michigan Canal," was taken from the orders of the day, and read the second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Canals and Canal Lands.

Mr. Youngkin moved to dispense with the rule of the House and take up and consider a bill for "An act concerning Public Roads;" which was not agreed to.

Mr. Miller of Adams moved to dispense with the rule of the House to enable him to introduce a resolution; which was not agreed to.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Secretary of State, giving a tabular statement of the official vote given in the State, on the 4th of November last, for President and Vice President; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

Laid on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Governor as *ex officio* Fund Commissioner; which was read, when,

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

That part of the communication relating to the mills at Carmi and New Haven, was referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Lott,

That part which relates to the contract with Delafield and John Tillson, Jr., was referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Lott, Arnold and Yates be that committee.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

That part of the communication which relates to the awards to the contractors on the Illinois and Michigan canal, was referred to the committee on Canals and Canal Lands.

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

The balance of the communication was referred to the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Nye, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed bills of the following titles, viz:

A bill for "An act to limit the jurisdiction of justices of the peace;" and

A bill for "An act for the relief of the late collector of Montgomery county."

Isaac S. Berry, a Representative from the counties of Fayette and Effingham, appeared, was qualified and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lawrence,

The communication this day laid before the House, from the Governor, on the subject of his acts as Fund Commissioner *ex officio*, together with the accompanying documents, five hundred copies were ordered to be printed for the use of the two Houses.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading, viz:

"An act authorizing administrators and executors from other States to prosecute suits in this State;"

"An act to amend an act to provide for the election of probate justices of the peace;"

"An act concerning corporations;"

"An act to enable former and late collectors of the revenue in the several counties of this State to collect any taxes remaining due and unpaid;"

"An act for the relief of Thomas A. Nicholas;"

"An act to enable the inhabitants of Elgin precinct, in Kane county, to keep in repair a bridge across Fox river;"

"An act for the relief of certain settlers on State lands;"

"An act to increase the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in certain cases;" and

"An act to authorize Rice Fay to build a mill dam across Fox river."

The amendments of the Senate to a bill for "An act to regulate mortgages on personal property," were read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

"An act to amend the charter of the city of Galena;"

"An act for the relief of Joseph L. Ruddick and Margaret Ruddick;"

"An act for the permanent location of the seat of justice of Moultrie county;"

"An act in relation to the distribution of the laws;"

"An act for the relief of certain persons therein named;"

"An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners in other States;"

"An act authorizing certain persons holding property in trust for the use of the Catholic church and societies thereof in the State of Illinois to convey the same;" and

"An act to amend the several laws allowing Illinois and Michigan canal lands to be taxed and sold for taxes."

In the passage of which, the Senate ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The amendments of the Senate to the House bill for "An act to permanently locate the county seat of the county of Alexander," was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Denning,

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Denning, Cochran and Kuykendall be that committee.

The amendments of the Senate to the House bill for "An act to incorporate the Chicago and Rock river Plank Road Company," was read, when,

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

The previous question was ordered.

Mr. Benedict called for a division of the question on the amendments of the Senate.

The question was then taken on the first amendment and concurred in.

The question was then taken on the second amendment, and decided

in the negative by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Morrison and Blair as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Leighton, Loop, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Vineyard, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard, Yates, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—51.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hannaford, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Logan, Lott, McDonald, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Oglesby, Parrish, Pinner, Prevo, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Starkweather, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Whiteside, Wood, Woodburn and Zieber.—51.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Wynne, a Senator:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly, That a joint select committee of two on the part of the Senate, and three on the part of the House, be raised to examine the *ex officio* Fund Commissioner's report and accompanying documents. The Senate have appointed Messrs. Nunnally and Judd the committee on their part. In the adoption of which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Senate bill for "An act for the regulation and government of the militia of the State of Illinois," was,

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

Read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Secretary of State in answer to a resolution of the House calling for information on the Expenditures for repairing the roof of the State House, which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

Referred to the committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed, viz:

"An act vacating part of a street in the town of St. Charles in Kane county;"

"An act to legalize the acts of certain assessors in this State;"

"An act authorizing the probate justice of the peace for Moultrie county to hold his office at his residence."

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act to amend and in addition to an act to incorporate the town of Rock Island, in Rock Island county," was read the second time, and

Ordered to a third reading.

Engrossed bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed, to wit:

"An act entitled 'An act for the further restriction of imprisonment for debt;'"

"An act to establish a State road from St. Mary's in Jasper county to Cumberland in Clark county;"

"An act to amend an act relative to wills and testaments, executors and administrators, and the settlements of estates;" and

"An act to incorporate the Illinois Literary and Historical Society;"

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in the passage of said bills.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Edson.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago presented the petition of sundry citizens of Rockford, in Winnebago county, relative to a cemetery for said town; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Fletcher presented the petition of forty-six citizens residing in that portion of Sangamon county proposed to be stricken off into a new county, remonstrating against any division of said county of Sangamon; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Lott moved to reconsider the vote taken yesterday, on concurring with the Senate in their amendment to the 20th section of the bill for "An act to incorporate the Chicago and Rock river Plank road Company;" which was agreed to when,

Mr. Logan moved to lay the bill and amendments on the table; which was not agreed to.

The question was then taken on concurring with the Senate in their amendment to the 20th section of said bill, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Boyakin and Thompson, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Butler, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Emerson, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Janney, Jewell, Leighton, Loop, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Myers, Nye, Pratt, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Vineyard, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—47.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Den-

ning, Deskines, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Hannaford, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Logan, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Moore, Morris, Morrison, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Starkweather, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Wagner, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn, Yates and Zieber.—58.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that they have concurred with the House in the passage of a bill for "An act to change the name of the Bethel Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Morgan county, to that of Hebron Society."

The Senate have also concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of a bill for "An act to amend the several laws apportioning the representation among the several counties in this State;" as amended by them.

In which amendment they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The bill of the House for "An act to repeal an act to enable the inhabitants of school townships in Hancock county to purchase school lands therein, and for other purposes," has been, by the Senate, laid on the table, until the 4th of July next.

The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in their amendments to a bill for "An act to provide for the representation of certain counties therein named."

Mr. Kuykendall presented the petition of sundry citizens of Massac county, praying the passage of "An act to incorporate the city of Metropolis, in said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago presented the petition of the citizens of Rockford, west of Rock river, in Winnebago county, relative to vacating alleys in said town; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Pratt presented the petition of two hundred and one voters residing in that part of Morgan county lying north of a line dividing townships sixteen and seventeen, praying that said territory be attached to the county of Cass; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Kirkpatrick presented a memorial and sundry resolutions adopted at a public meeting of the citizens of Montgomery county, relative to the State debt, an increase of taxation, &c.; which were read, when,

Mr. Fletcher moved to refer the same to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Benedict moved their reference to the Committee on Retrenchment.

The question was then taken on referring said memorial and resolutions to the Committee on Finance, and decided in the negative; when

The question recurring on the motion to refer them to the Committee on Retrenchment, it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion,

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Resolved, That the Clerk inform the Senate that the House of Representatives are now ready to receive them in the Hall of the House for the purpose of proceeding to the election of Public Printer for the State of Illinois.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Oglesby for one week.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

A call of the House was ordered, and after some time spent therein, further proceedings under the call were dispensed with, on the motion of Mr. Huffman.

In pursuance of a joint resolution of the two Houses, the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House of Representatives, preceded by their Speaker.

The Speaker of the House announced that the two Houses had met under the provisions of a joint resolution for the purpose of electing a Public Printer for the State of Illinois.

The two Houses then proceeded to the election.

Mr. Kuykendall of the House, nominated Walters and Weber.

Mr. Morrison of the House nominated Thomas C. Sharp.

Those voting for Walters and Weber on the part of the Senate, are, Messrs. Allen, Buford, Cavarly, Davis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Forman, Harris, Judd, Leviston, Markley, Matteson, McMillan, McMurtry, Minard, Morrison, Nunnally, Parker, Ryan, J. Smith, Thompson, Vandeventer, Warren and Wilbanks,

And on the part of the House,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hannaford, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—99.

Those voting for Mr. Sharp, on the part of the Senate, are, Mr. Harrison,

And on the part of the House,

Messrs. Morrison, Smith of Sangamon and White of Scott.—4.

Messrs. Boal, Edwards, Johnson, G. Smith and Waters, of the Senate, and Messrs. Arenz, Barnsback, Emerson, Harper, Herndon, Leighton, Matthews, Metz, Moore, Myers, Randolph, Smith of Bureau, Wilcox and Williams, of the House voted blank.—30.

Mr. Killpatrick of the Senate, voted for G. T. M. Davis.

Mr. Wynne of the Senate voted for Weber & Brooks.

Messrs. Churchill, Davis of McLean and Yates, of the House, voted for John Bailhache.

Mr. Dunbar of the House voted for Monroe & Jackson.

Mr. Hanson voted for Churchill & Zieber.

Mr. Hardie voted for Mr. Wentworth.

Mr. Harriott voted for George Churchill.

Mr. Henderson voted for Zieber & Churchill.

Mr. Huffman voted for D. Clapp.

Mr. Youngkin voted for Hudson & Fuller.

Walters & Weber having received a majority of all the votes given, were, by the Speaker of the House, declared duly elected Public Printers for the State of Illinois.

The Senate then withdrew to their Chamber.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Treasurer, in answer to a resolution of the House calling for information in reference to false warrants issued by Milton Wash, which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Robbins,

Referred to a select committee of five.

Ordered, That Messrs. Robbins, Cushman, Logan, Morrison and Lott, be that Committee.

The Senate preamble and resolutions on the subject of the decisions of the United States Supreme Court, were read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

The Senate resolution on the subject of appointing a joint select committee to examine the report of the Fund Commissioner *ex-officio*, was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That Messrs. Zieber, Anderson of Lawrence and Logan, be the Committee on the part of the House, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act to amend the several laws allowing Illinois and Michigan Canal lands to be taxed and sold for taxes," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Canal and Canal Lands.

Senate bill for "An act authorising certain persons holding property in trust for the use of the Catholic Church and societies thereof, in the State of Illinois to convey the same," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule of the House was dispensed with and the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time, and ordered to a second reading, viz:

"An act in relation to the distribution of the Laws."

"An act to authorise the appointment of Commissioners in other States," and

"An act for the relief of certain persons therein named."

Senate bill for "An act for the relief of Joseph L. Ruddick and Margaret Ruddick," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Wagner,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill for "An act for the permanent location of the seat of justice of Moultrie county," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Benedict, Turley and Scott of De Witt, be that committee.

Senate bill for "An act to amend the charter of the city of Galena," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lawrence,

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed, viz:

"An act to amend, and in addition to an 'An act to incorporate the town of Rock Island, in Rock Island county;' " and

"An act for the relief of William Moss."

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act for the relief of Thomas A. Nicholas," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill for "An act to amend 'An act to provide for the election of Probate Justices of the Peace,' " was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Arenz,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill for "An act concerning corporations," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Senate bill for "An act authorizing administrators and executors from other States to prosecute suits in this State," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Sexton,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill for "An act for the relief of certain settlers on State lands," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Cushman,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate bill for "An act to increase the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in certain cases," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Hannaford,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill for "An act to authorize Rice Fay to build a mill-dam across Fox river," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Referred to the Committee on the Canal and Canal Lands.

Senate bill for "An act to enable the inhabitants of Elgin precinct in Kane county, to keep in repair a bridge across Fox river," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Jackson of McHenry,

Referred to the Committee on Roads.

Senate bill for "An act to enable former and late collectors of the revenue in the several counties of this State, to collect any taxes remaining due and unpaid," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill for "An act for the relief of the late Collector of Montgomery county," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act to incorporate Jubilee College," was read the third time; when

Mr. Herndon moved to amend the same by striking out the sixth section.

Mr. Boyakin moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table, which was agreed to; when

The bill was passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act declaring a certain road in Scott county a State road," was read the third time; when, on motion of Mr. Leighton, said bill was referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Leighton, Pickering and Campbell be that committee.

A bill for "An act to limit the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace," was read the third time; when

Mr. Armstrong moved to amend the bill by striking out the fifth section.

Mr. Morrison moved to strike out the fifth section, and insert the following in lieu thereof, viz:

"Sec. 5. Hereafter the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace shall extend to all cases in debt or assumpsit, when the amount in controversy does not exceed one hundred and fifty dollars."

Mr. Wagner moved to lay the bill and proposed amendments on the table until the 4th of July.

Mr. Davis of McLean moved to lay the amendment proposed by Mr. Morrison, on the table; which was decided in the affirmative by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Turley and Morrison, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Herndon, Hick, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller

of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Williams, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—66.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Arenz, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Henderson, Hendry, Hitt, Huffman, Kuykendall, Matthews, Morris, Morrison, Oglesby, Pickering, Rawlings, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vineyard, White of Washington, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Wood and Youngkin.—40.

Mr. Funkhouser moved to refer the bill and proposed amendment to a select committee.

Mr. Logan moved to lay said motion of reference on the table; which was agreed to.

Mr. Sexton moved to lay the whole subject on the table; which was not agreed to; when

The question was taken on the motion of Mr. Armstrong, to strike out the fifth section, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Benedict moved to amend said bill by adding the following as additional sections, viz:

“SEC. 5. All executions which shall hereafter be issued by any justice of the peace or probate justice of the peace within this State, shall be and continue in full force and effect one hundred days from the time of issuing the same, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.”

“SEC. 6. This act shall be in force from and after its passage.”

Mr. Logan moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table; which was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Benedict and Sexton, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Blair, Burnett, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Leighton, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, Matthews, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Pitner, Pratt, Rawlings, Ross, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—61.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskins, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Haley, Hendry, Huffman, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Turley, Vineyard, White of Washington, Wilkinson, Wood, Woodburn and Woollard.—42.

Mr. Logan moved to strike out the words, "or constable," in the first section; and upon this motion, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Funkhouser and Bradley; when,

On motion of Mr. Strong,

Said bill was referred to the Committee on engrossed bills, with instructions to have the same correctly engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lawrence,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from the Committee on Banks and Corporations; when he reported back to the House the remonstrance of 1337 citizens of Hancock county against the repeal of the Nauvoo charter, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration; which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The petition was referred to the Committee of the whole House, to which was referred a bill on the same subject, and made the order of the day for Wednesday the 15th inst.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Mr. Parrish of the House.

Mr. Robbins presented the petition of M. E. Ferris and 889 other citizens of Randolph county, praying for the removal of the county seat of said county to the east side of the Kaskaskia river; which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Scott of De Witt presented the remonstrance of thirteen citizens of De Witt county, remonstrating against a division, and removal of the seat of justice of said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Jackson of McHenry presented the petition of sundry citizens of Kendall county, praying that a portion of De Kalb county be attached to the county of Kendall; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

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On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution, viz:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the select committees of the two Houses to whom were respectively referred that portion of the communication of the Governor, *ex officio* Fund Commissioner, which relates to the claims of the State against John Delafield and John Tillson, Jr., be directed to join in their consideration of that subject, and report as a joint committee; which being read, was adopted.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Benedict, presented the claims of T. N. Reynolds and 23 others

for articles furnished, and services rendered the 59th regiment of the Illinois militia during the disturbances in Hancock county, in June last; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Benedict presented bills of sundry persons for provisions and services in Hancock county in 1844; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The vote taken on referring the claims of T. N. Reynolds and others to the committee on Claims, and on his motion, the claims were referred to the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Herndon presented the remonstrance of 13 citizens of Sangamon county against the division of said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Campbell presented the petition of Jacob Riseter and other citizens of Wayne county, praying authority to convey the east half north east quarter, section twenty-eight, township one east, range nine east; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wilkinson presented the petition of F. H. Burroughs and 80 others praying for the location of a State road therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on State Roads.

Mr. Deskines presented the petition of sundry citizens of Logan county, remonstrating against the division of said county, and removal of the seat of justice of said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Vineyard presented the petition of the citizens of township fourteen south of range six east, praying relief for the person therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have receded from their amendment to the 20th section of the bill for "An act to incorporate the Chicago and Rock river Plank road Company."

The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of a bill for "An act to authorize James Lawrence and James B. Anderson to collect certain taxes."

The Senate have also passed bills of the following titles:

"An act more effectually to prevent trespassing by cutting timber;"

"An act for the relief of the heirs of George Finney, deceased;"

"An act to amend an act to incorporate the town of Winchester in Scott county;" and

"An act to amend 'An act relative to criminal jurisprudence,' " in force July 1st, 1833.

In the passage of which, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have stricken out the preamble appended to the resolutions in relation to the Military Academy at West Point, and have laid said resolutions on the table.

Mr. Wilkinson presented the petition of John M. Thompson and one hundred and two others, citizens of the counties of Lee and Ogle, praying for the location of a State road therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on State Roads.

Mr. Pratt presented the claims of H. Billings of Cass county, against the State for goods furnished the army in the late Hancock expedition; which, without reading, were, on his motion, referred to the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Sexton presented the petition of Joseph Reynolds of Gallatin county, praying for relief; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Brown presented the claims of Samuel Lock, J. G. Randall, and others, against the State, for supplies furnished, and services rendered, in the late Nauvoo expedition; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Turley presented the petition of one hundred and forty-four citizens of Moultrie county, praying the location of the county seat of said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the same select committee to which, on yesterday, was referred a Senate bill on the same subject.

Mr. McDonald presented the memorial of Samuel A. Buckmaster, proposing to take a lease of the Penitentiary; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on the Penitentiary.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago presented the petition of some hundreds of citizens of Winnebago county, relative to the free navigation of Rock river; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Wilcox presented the petition of Ann Eliza Woods, praying for a divorce; which was read; when,

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Said Petition was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ross, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to limit the jurisdiction of justices of the peace."

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution, which was read, and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Auditor of Public Accounts be directed to report the information as far as received, called for by a resolution of this House some weeks since, in relation to the amount of taxable real estate in the several counties of this State, the amount levied for State and county purposes in each county in this State, &c.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following preamble and resolution, which were read, and adopted, viz:

Whereas, many members have for several days had bills prepared which they wished to introduce, and no opportunity has presented itself. Therefore,

Resolved, That Saturday next be set apart for the introduction of bills, and that they be received without debate; the members to be called by counties, and introduce what bills they may have when the counties are

called; the residue of the day, if any, to be occupied in offering resolutions.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a preamble and resolutions; which were read, viz:

Whereas, a revision and republication of such laws of this State of a general nature as are now in force together with such laws of a general nature as may be passed at the present session of the General Assembly, are indispensably necessary, both to supply the public wants, and to render the laws more plain and intelligible; and *whereas*, information has been received from the Executive that such a revision or compilation has been commenced by Mr. Brayman, and is so near its completion that the same can be presented to the Legislature, and be acted upon at the present session: Therefore,

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the said Mr. Brayman be appointed and authorized to proceed and complete his said revision and compilation of the laws of this State, as speedily as possible, upon the plan adopted, and specified in his communication to the Governor.

Resolved, That said work shall be done under the joint direction and supervision of the Judiciary committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, to which it shall be submitted as rapidly as the chapters thereof are in readiness.

Resolved, That said joint committee, or a sub-committee which such joint committee may appoint from their own number, shall diligently examine and compare the same, and cause to be made such corrections and alterations as they shall deem necessary to render such laws full, perfect, and consistent, and so as to render the statute laws of this State of a general nature to a compact code, conveniently divided into chapters and sections, and arranged in alphabetical order; and it shall be the duty of the revisor to insert appropriately in the work such alterations and amendments as such committee shall suggest, not inconsistent with the spirit and meaning of the law.

Resolved, That all acts of a general nature passed, or to be passed, at the present session of the General Assembly, shall be incorporated in such revision, to be inserted in the several parts and chapters thereof, to which such acts or their several parts appropriately belong.

Resolved, That the said M. Brayman be required to submit to said committee such portion of said work as is already completed, and to prepare and submit the remainder thereof, as speedily as the same shall be needed by said joint committee for examination, and that the whole shall be completed and the last chapter thereof ready for the action of said committee by the first day of February next; and the said committee shall report said work in chapters, as soon as the same are examined and approved, and in sufficient time to be acted upon by the General Assembly at its present session; the manner of reporting said work to the two Houses to be as follows: the first chapter to the Senate, the second to the House, and so on, alternately, that loss of time may be avoided.

Resolved, That said revisor be authorized to employ one clerk if necessary, to aid him in said work; and that he may have additional clerks if the committees shall deem them indispensable to the timely completion

of the work; the compensation of such clerk or clerks not to exceed two dollars per day.

Mr. Pickering moved to refer the preamble and resolutions to the committee on Retrenchment, with instructions to report to this House the cost of carrying the resolution into effect; when,

On motion of Mr. Davis of Williamson,

Said motion of reference was laid on the table.

Mr. Morrison moved to refer the preamble and resolutions to the committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to ascertain the cost of three thousand volumes of the compilation of laws now preparing by M. Brayman, and report the same to this House, together with their views as to the propriety of the compilation and publishing the same at this session of the Legislature; and that they also inquire into the propriety of purchasing a sufficient number of "Gale's Illinois Statutes" to supply the wants of the State.

Pending which motion,

The House adjourned until two o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Henderson,

A call of the House was ordered, and after some time spent therein, further proceeding under the call was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, of Lawrence,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That the committee on Banks and Corporations be instructed to enquire into, ascertain and report to this House as early as practicable, the number of days each of the Bank Commissioners appointed by the Governor under an act entitled "An act to diminish the State debt and put the State Bank into liquidation," approved, January 24, 1843, and under an act entitled "An act to reduce the State debt one million of dollars, and put the Bank of Illinois into liquidation," approved, February 25, 1843, have been employed in and about the business of said Banks respectively; and said committee also enquire, ascertain and report to this House whether said Bank Commissioners, or either of them, have received from the State Treasurer, a greater amount than by law, they were entitled to receive for their services as such Bank Commissioners; and for the purpose of enabling said committee faithfully to perform the duties herein required, they are authorized to send for persons and papers.

Resolved further, That said committee also enquire and report to this House, whether the further services of said Commissioners cannot be dispensed with without injury to the interest of the State.

The resolutions were read, and the question on their adoption taken and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Nye, from the committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, reported that they had this day laid before the Council of Revision, bills of the following titles:

"An act to change the name of the Bethel Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Morgan county to that of Hebron Society;" and

"An act to regulate mortgages on personal property."

On motion of Mr. Hick,

The rule of the House was dispensed, and leave given him to make a report from the select committee, to which was referred a communication from the Governor on the subject of prosecuting a suit in the Supreme Court of the United States; when he reported the following preamble and resolution: which was read.

Whereas, the Supreme Court of the United States have sent their writ of Error to the Supreme Court of this State for the purpose of reviewing the decision of the Supreme Court of this State in the case of the People of the State of Illinois, vs. Richard Eells, indicted and convicted and fined in the sum of four hundred dollars for aiding, harboring and secreting negro slaves: *And whereas*, the determination of said cause involves the constitutionality of our State laws, prohibiting the interference of our citizens, with the domestic institutions of the adjacent slave States, laws important to the preservation of friendly relations between those States and our own: *And whereas*, the said cause also involves questions of Police Power in the States of serious importance; therefore,

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the Governor be and he is hereby authorized to employ counsel in said cause, and to pay for the same out of the contingent fund an amount not exceeding four hundred dollars.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The resolution was all stricken out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof, viz:

Resolved, That the Attorney General be directed to prepare a written argument in the case aforesaid, and that the Governor be authorized to pay him one hundred dollars therefor, out of the contingent fund. The question was then taken on the adoption of the preamble and resolution and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That the two Houses of the General Assembly will meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Saturday, the 18th instant, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing three Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, to fill the vacancies occasioned by the death of Judge Robinson, and the resignation of Judges Douglass and Semple.

In the adoption of which the Senate ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of bills of the following titles:

"An act to amend an act exempting certain articles from execution;"

"An act to authorize the School Commissioner of Morgan county to pay certain money;"

"An act requiring county orders to be countersigned by County Treasurers."

The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in the

adoption of their memorial and resolutions, on the subject of relief to the sufferers by the late high floods in the Mississippi, Illinois, and Wabash rivers.

The Senate have also adopted the accompanying resolutions, proposing that the two Houses of the General Assembly will receive no new business after the 15th instant, and that they adjourn, *sine die*, on Monday the 10th day of February next.

In the adoption of which, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to present a petition of sundry citizens of De Witt county, praying the removal of the seat of justice of said county, and constituting the county of Polk; which without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Leave was also given him to introduce a petition of sundry citizens of Logan county, praying the removal of the seat of Justice of said county, and the annexation of a part of said county to the county of De Witt; which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The House resolved itself into a committee of the Whole House, for the purpose of taking into consideration the Senate bill for "An act to repeal the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the city of Nauvoo,' approved, December 16, 1840;"

Mr. Anderson, of Lawrence, in the chair; and, after some time spent therein, the committee rose; and, by their chairman, reported that they had had the said bill under consideration, and had directed him to report the same back without amendment, and recommend its passage.

Mr. Deskines moved to amend said bill, by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting the following in lieu thereof, viz:

"SEC. 1. That so much of an act to which this is an amendment as provides that whenever any tract of land adjoining the city of Nauvoo, shall have been laid out into town lots and duly recorded according to law, the same shall form a part of the city of Nauvoo," be and the same is hereby repealed.

"SEC. 2. That so much of the act to which this is an amendment as provides that the "City Council shall have power to pass such ordinances as may be necessary and proper to carry into execution the powers specified in the thirteenth section of said act, provided such ordinances are not repugnant to the constitution of the United States or this State," be and the same is hereby so amended that said ordinances, be not repugnant to or in any manner come in conflict with the laws of the United States or of this State.

"SEC. 3. That so much of the seventeenth section of the act to which this is an amendment, as gives the Municipal Court the power to grant writs of HABEAS CORPUS, be and the same is hereby repealed.

"SEC. 4. The twenty-fifth section of said act of incorporation, creating the 'Nauvoo Legion,' be and the same is hereby repealed.

"SEC. 5. The second section of an act in relation to a road therein named, which provides that any citizen of Hancock county, may, by voluntary enrollment attach himself to the 'Nauvoo Legion,' with all the

privileges which appertain to that independent military body, approved, January 27th, A. D. 1841,' be and the same is hereby repealed."

Mr. Benedict moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table; which was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Boyakin and Parrish, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson, of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Haley, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Thompson, Turley, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Washington, Williams, Wood, Yates and Youngkin.—62.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Butler, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Deskines, Gregg, Hannaford, Harriott, Hendry, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Nye, Pickering, Pratt, Ross, Scott, of De Witt, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Stewart, Tunnel, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Woodburn, Woollard, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—46.

Mr. Whiteside moved to refer the bill to a select committee of nine.

Mr. Brinkley moved to lay said motion of reference on the table; which was agreed to.

Mr. Ross moved to amend said bill by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting the following in lieu thereof, viz:

"SEC. 1. That the charter granted to the city of Nauvoo, on the 16th day of December, 1840, be and the same is hereby repealed.

"SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the said city of Nauvoo, shall hereafter be governed by the charter granted to the city of Quincy, and the same shall be deemed the city charter of Nauvoo, having all the powers granted in said charter, and none other: *Provided*, said city authorities shall not hereafter have power to pass any ordinance for issuing writs of *habeas corpus*, nor to pass or adopt any ordinance, rules, or regulations to impede the due execution of the laws of the United States, or of this State.

"SEC. 3. The city council shall pass no ordinance or ordinances contrary to, or which in any manner conflicts with the laws of the United States or of this State.

"SEC. 4. All laws and parts of laws creating the Nauvoo Legion, be and the same are hereby repealed.

"SEC. 5. All property, claims and effects belonging to the city of Nauvoo under its present charter, shall revert to, and is hereby vested in the said city in its corporate capacity as herein provided, in as full right as the same exists in the said city of Nauvoo.

"SEC. 6. All debts and other liabilities contracted and owing by the city of Nauvoo, under its present charter, be and the same are hereby declared to be due and owing by the corporation hereby created, in as full and complete a manner as though no change had been made.

"SEC. 7. The foregoing section shall not be so construed as to declare certain bonds, to be now due, which were given by the city of Nauvoo for money borrowed falling due in the months of July, 1845 and 1846.

"SEC. 8. The boundaries set out and described in the present charter of the city of Nauvoo, together with the several additions which have been duly surveyed, platted, and recorded, shall continue to be the limits of said city of Nauvoo: *Provided*, that no additions shall hereafter be made to the said city of Nauvoo without an act of the Legislature to that effect.

"SEC. 9. The Legislature hereby reserves to itself the right to repeal, alter, or amend this act, if the public good shall require it."

Pending the question on the proposed amendment,

On motion,

The House adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bergen.

Mr. Jackson, of Stark, presented the petition of 48 citizens of Henry county, praying for an alteration of county lines of Henry and Starke counties, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on counties.

Mr. Wagner presented the petition of 30 citizens of Iroquois county, praying for the relief of Joseph L. Reddie, which was read, and on his motion referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Harper presented the petition of 183 citizens of Henry county, praying that a part of said county may be attached to Rock Island county, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Funkhouser presented the petition of the School Commissioner, and 152 citizens of Effingham county, praying the passage of a law authorizing the School Commissioner and Trustees of Township, to receive reconveyance of land in said county, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Blair presented the petition of 90 males and 19 females, praying the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The House refused to receive the petition.

Mr. Blair presented the petition of sundry citizens of Pike and Adams counties, for a new county, which was, without reading, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Davis, of McLean, presented the petition of Green B. Larison and 106 others of McLean county, praying for the passage of a law preventing the killing of deer between the first days of January and the first days in July, in each and every year, which was read.

Mr. Morrison moved to refer the petition to a select committee.

Mr. Adams moved to lay the petition on the table, which was not agreed to, when

On motion of Mr. Davis, of McLean,

The petition was referred to the committee on Agriculture and Manufactures.

Mr. Aldrich presented the petition of 192 citizens of the north part of this State, praying for a direct road from Galena, in Jo Daviess county, to Chicago, in Cook county, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Harper presented the remonstrances of 235 citizens of Henry county, against any change in the county lines of said county, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Ross presented the petition of N. J. Rockwell, of Mason county, praying an amendment to the law in relation to Weights and Measures, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Vedder presented the petition of William Menedy and 44 others, citizens of Greene county, praying a reduction of the fees of State and County Officers, and a reduction of the *per diem* allowance of the members of the General Assembly, which was read, and on his motion referred to the Committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. White of Scott, presented the petition of the guardian and heirs of Isaac Jones, deceased, for privilege to sell real estate without applying to Court, which without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

Leave was given to the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, by their chairman, to deliver to the Brigade Major certain papers relating to the pay of expenses of the late disturbances in Hancock county, for the purpose of correcting said papers.

Mr. Henderson presented the petition of John B. Patterson and 32 others, praying an increase of taxation for the purpose of paying the interest on the public debt, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of Edward Doyle, praying relief, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Claims.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that they have adopted the accompanying resolution, having for its object the appointment of a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the Senate, and three on the House, whose duty it shall be to inquire into and report, by resolution, to each House, the earliest practicable period when the labors of the present General Assembly may be brought to a close.

The Senate have appointed Messrs. G. Smith, Matteson and Cavarly, the committee on their part, and ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the adoption of said resolution.

The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in the adoption of their resolution proposing that the Select Committees of the two Houses, to which were respectively referred that portion of the communication from the *ex officio* Fund Commissioner, which relates to claims

against John Delafield and John Tillson, Jr., be directed to act as a Joint Committee.

The Senate have also passed a bill for "An act to alter and amend the law concerning interest on money and usury:"

In the passage of which, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Tunnel presented the petition of Richard Robley and 33 other citizens of Greene county, praying the revision of the Election Laws, so that the Presidential Electors and State Officers shall be elected on the same day, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Elections.

Mr. Wilkinson presented the petition of A. Smith and 76 others, praying the passage of an act for the improvement of Rock river, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Ogle county, praying a change of county lines therein specified, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Backenstos presented the petition of sundry citizens of McDonough and Hancock counties, praying the location of a State Road therein named, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Morrille presented the petition of Otis Fisher and others, praying the passage of an act establishing an Academy at Mount Palatine, in Putnam county, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Parrish moved to dispense with the rule, and to take up the preamble and resolutions relative to a revision of the laws of this State, which was not agreed to.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Winnebago county; praying the Legislature to oppose the annexation of Texas, which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the Select Committee, to which were referred resolutions relative to the same subject.

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make reports from the Committee on Counties, when,

Mr. Blair, from said committee, to which were referred petitions and remonstrances of sundry citizens of Logan county, in reference to the removal of the seat of justice of said county, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, which was granted; when, on his motion, said petitions and remonstrances were laid on the table.

Mr. Blair, from the same committee, to which were referred petitions and remonstrances of sundry citizens of De Witt county, relative to a division, and removal of the seat of justice of said county, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, which was granted; when, on his motion, said petition and remonstrances were laid on the table.

Mr. Blair, from the same committee, to which were referred petitions

and remonstrances of sundry citizens of Logan county, relative to the annexation of a portion of said county to the county of De Witt, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, which was granted; when, on his motion, said petitions and remonstrances were laid on the table.

The resolution reported back, some days since, from the committee on the Judiciary, relative to the passage of a law prohibiting Judges of the Supreme Court from sitting in causes which may be appealed from their decision, came up in its proper order.

The question on discharging the committee from the further consideration thereof, coming up,

Mr. Miller of Fulton, moved a call of the House, which was ordered, and, after some time spent therein,

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with, when

Mr. Boyakin moved the previous question, which was agreed to.

The question was then taken on discharging the committee from the further consideration of said resolution, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Miller of Fulton, and Deskinen, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Backenstos, Butler, Churchill, Cochran, Denning, Deskinen, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Harriott, Hendry, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Logan, Lott, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Pickering, Pratt, Rawlings, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, Tunnel, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Woodburn, and Zieber—14.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Armstrong, Babbitt, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hick, Jackson of Stark, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Loop, Manning, Miller of Fulton, Morris, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Sherman, Starkweather, Stewart, Thompson, Turley, Vineyard, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Woollard and Mr. Speaker—62.

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The following instructions to the committee on the Judiciary were then adopted, viz :

“That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report a bill providing that no member of the Supreme Court shall hereafter sit in judgment upon, or consult with the Court, upon any cause which may be brought before said Court, from his own decision, by appeal or writ of error.”

On motion,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, a call of the House was ordered, and after some time spent therein,

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

Further proceeding under the call was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and he introduced, on leave, a bill for "An act to regulate the Salaries of Justices of the Supreme Court, hereafter to be elected," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sexton,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and he, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to prevent the further borrowing or disbursing of money for Internal Improvements, and to set apart a sinking fund for the liquidation of the State Debt," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the Preamble and Resolutions providing for the revision and compilation of the laws of this State, were considered; the question on the reference of the Preamble and Resolutions, with the instructions proposed by Mr. Morrison, being in order,

Mr. Brinkley moved that the motion to refer, and the proposed instructions, be laid on the table, which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The fourth resolution was amended, by striking out the words "the first of February," and inserting the "tenth day of February."

Mr. Logan moved to amend the Preamble and Resolutions, by striking all out, and inserting the following; which was not agreed to, viz :

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to bring in a bill authorizing the Governor to have a re-print of all the laws of this State, now in force, as well as those of the present session, under appropriate heads, with an appropriate index; provided that he can make a contract for said books, at one dollar a copy, and that the Governor employ some competent person to make said index, and arrange the laws; and that the Governor be authorized to pay said persons two hundred dollars.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the Preamble and Resolutions, which was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Morrison and Blair, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hardie, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Morris, Myers, Nye, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Ran-

dolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macopin, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates and Mr. Speaker.—74.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, of St. Clair, Arnold, Barnsback, Boyakin, Churchill, Cochran, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Hannaford, Hanson, Harper, Harriott, Hendry, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Logan, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrison, Pickering, Prevo, Robbins, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Thompson, Vineyard, White of Menard, Youngkin and Zieber.—34.

The Senate bill for an act to repeal the act entitled "An act to Incorporate the city of Nauvoo, approved, December 16, 1840," with the preceding substitute offered by Mr. Ross, coming up in order, after some time spent therein,

The House adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Dresser.

Mr. Robbins presented the petition of Wm. C. Dunn and seventy-five other citizens of Randolph county praying for the passage of a law to equalize the labor on roads; which, without reading was, on his motion, referred to the committee on State Roads.

Mr. Nye presented the petition of John McCoy and nineteen others of Marquette county, praying that a part of said county may be attached to Brown county; which, without reading, on his motion, was referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of citizens of the State of Illinois, praying a change in the license law respecting Groceries; which was read, and on his motion, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Starkweather presented the petition of Wm. M. P. Quinn and others praying for the re-locating of the county seat of Cumberland county, and other purposes; which, without reading, was on his motion referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. O'Connor presented the petition of sundry citizens of La Salle and Bureau counties, praying the formation of a new county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Starkweather presented the petition of John Shop and others, praying for the re-location of the county seat of Cumberland county, and other purposes; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Harper presented the petition of thirty citizens residing in Township 18 North, 3 East, in relation to the School fund in said Township; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Zieber presented the petition of a number of citizens of Peoria, for an act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Illinois river; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Sherman presented the petition of the citizens of Chicago, praying for an increase of revenue in this State; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Armstrong presented the petition of one hundred and eighty-seven citizens of La Salle county, praying for a new county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Churchill presented the petition of the late collector of taxes in Madison county, praying that further time may be allowed him to collect the taxes of 1843; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Morrille presented the petition of sundry citizens of Putnam and La Salle counties praying that a part of La Salle may be annexed to the county of Putnam; which, without reading, was on his motion referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Churchill presented the petition of Nimrod Dorsey, for compensation for improvements in the Penitentiary, and guard hire in the same; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on the Penitentiary.

Mr. Nye presented the petition of Thomas S. Brockman, and other officers of the 36th Regiment of volunteers, praying for an appropriation for ammunition purchased in the late Hancock county disturbances; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Pratt presented the claims of B. W. Schneider of Cass county, against the State for articles furnished during the late disturbances in Hancock county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Kuykendall presented the petition of William Mannville, praying pay for services rendered the State; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Starne presented the remonstrance of sundry citizens of Pike county against the formation of a new county out of Pike; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Starne presented the petition of citizens of Pike county, praying an alteration in the law regulating Grocery licenses; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago, presented the petition of the bridge committee of Rockford, in Winnebago county, relative to the erection of a bridge therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on State Roads.

Mr. Parrish presented the petition of E. S. Frazer, in behalf of a committee of arrangements, asking the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives on the 22d day of February next; which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Nye presented the petition of James Brockman and thirty-two others, praying, in the event that any volunteers in the late Hancock county disturbances be remunerated for their services, that the like remunerations be made to the volunteers of Brown county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Miller, of Fulton, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Fulton county praying the formation of a new county therein named; which,

without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Miller, of Fulton, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Fulton county, praying the incorporation of a Joint Stock Company for the navigation of Spoon river; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the select committee, to which similar petitions had some time since been referred.

Mr. Scott, of De Witt, presented the petition of sundry citizens of De Witt county, praying for a distributive portion of the school funds of Township 20 North, Ranges 3 and 4 East; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Stewart presented the petition of one hundred and ninety citizens of the State, praying the passage of a law for the increase of the State revenue; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Pratt, from the committee on Agriculture and Manufactures reported a bill for "An act to enable Joseph Adkins to establish a ferry across the Sangamon river; which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Thompson, from the committee on Elections, to which were referred a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act regulating elections,' " reported the same back to the House without amendment and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of said bill; which was granted, when,

On motion of Mr. Fletcher,

The further consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Fletcher from the committee on Agriculture and Manufactures, to which were referred a bill for "An act to provide for the re-weighing of salt and for other purposes;" reported the same back to the House, with a substitute for said bill; which was read.

Mr. Blair moved the indefinite postponement of the bill and proposed substitute.

Mr. Starkweather moved to amend the proposed substitute by inserting the words "Kanhawa and Salines," before "salt."

Mr. Hick moved to refer the bill and substitute to the committee on Agriculture and Manufactures.

Mr. Robbins moved to amend the motion to refer with the following instructions, viz: That all salt manufactured in this State, or imported into this State, either in the sacks or barrels, shall before the same is offered for sale be re-weighed, and the weight of each sack or barrel marked thereon.

Mr. Cochran moved to lay the bill, substitute and amendment on the table; which was decided in the affirmative by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Davis, of Williamson and Deskines, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Barnsback, Blair, Churchill, Cochran, Cushman, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morrison, Myers, Parrish, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson,

Starne, Thompson, Tunnel, Vedder, Wagner, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Yates and Zieber.—59.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Babbitt, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Haley, Hick, Hicks, Janney, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Morrill, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Ricks, Robbins, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Stewart, Turley, Vineyard, Warren, Woollard, and Mr. Speaker.—45.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

“An act to amend an act, entitled, ‘An act to improve the navigation of the rapids, in Rock river at Rockford, in the county of Winnebago, and to incorporate the Rockford Hydraulic and Manufacturing company,’ approved, February 28th, 1843;” and,

“An act to re-locate a part of the State road leading from the town of Amity to the town of Highland.”

In the passage of which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have received a communication from the Auditor of Public Accounts, made in obedience to a resolution directing him to report what amount would be added to the State revenue, in case the Legislature should, at its present session, take the land tax from the counties; and have laid the same on the table, and ordered 5,000 copies thereof to be printed for the use of the two Houses of the General Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Hick,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution; which was read and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Auditor of Public Accounts be directed to report to the House of Representatives, as soon as practicable, the amount of the proceeds of saline lands paid out under the provisions of “An act appropriating a portion of the avails arising from the sale of saline lands in Gallatin county, to internal improvements;” approved, February 16th, 1831, to the several counties named in said act; also, the quantity of land sold under said act up to this time, the purposes to which the proceeds thereof were appropriated; the counties named in said act to which nothing has been paid; the names of Agents or Commissioners under said act, who may be in default to the State on account of sales, if any; and the condition, generally, of the said saline lands, and the funds arising from the sale thereof.

Mr. Benedict, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a bill for “An act to repeal certain acts therein named,” reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its rejection; when,

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

Said bill was referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Whiteside, Cochran and Kuykendall, be that committee.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which were referred the petition of sundry citizens of Rock-

ford, relative to a cemetery for said town, and the petition of the citizens of Rockford, west of Rock river, relative to vacating alleys in said town, reported a bill for "An act incorporating the Rockford Cemetery Association;" which was,

On motion of Mr. Miller, of Winnebago,
Read the first time by its title, and
Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Miller, of Fulton, from the committee on State Roads, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Jo Daviess and other counties in the northern part of the State, praying a charter for a direct road from Galena to Chicago, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Miller, of Fulton,

Said petition was referred to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Warren, from the committee on Counties, to which was referred a bill for "An act to provide for the representation of certain counties therein named;" reported the same back, without amendment and recommended its rejection.

The question was then taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, and decided in the negative.

Mr. Anderson, of Lawrence, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act to amend the charter of the city of Galena;" reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage; when, the bill was

Ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Cushman, from the committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of citizens of Vermilion county, praying the incorporation of a university, together with a bill for "An act to incorporate the Georgetown Seminary," reported the same back with amendments; which were read, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Hanson, from the committee on State Roads, to which was referred a petition of sundry citizens of Coles county, praying a change of a part of the Darwin and Charleston turnpike road, reported a bill for "An act to vacate a part of the Darwin and Charleston turnpike road;" which was read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

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On motion of Mr. Smith of Bureau,

Said petitions were referred to the committee on State Roads.

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Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate, and ask their concurrence in the adoption of said memorial.

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Ordered to a second reading.

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The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title; when,

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

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On motion of Mr. Cushman,

Said bill was referred to the joint committee on Change of Names.

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On motion of Mr. Jackson of McHenry,

Said petition was laid on the table.

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The petition was laid on the table.

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On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The resolution was laid on the table.

On motion,

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

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The rule of the House was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the petition of G. A. Sanford and others, owners of lands and lots in the town of Rockford, praying the improvement of Rock river, and consenting that canals for such improvement may be constructed through their lands; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

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On motion of Mr. Miller of Fulton,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to amend 'An act entitled an act concerning public roads,' approved February 20, 1841," was taken from the orders of the day, and read the second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The bill was referred to the committee on State Roads.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that they have passed a bill for "An act to authorize the county of Marshall to transcribe records from Putnam county."

In the passage of which, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have also adopted the accompanying resolution, providing that all petitions in relation to roads be referred to the committee

on Public Roads, in order that the several bills, which the committees may agree upon, be reported in one bill, &c.

In the adoption of which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have also concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of bills of the following titles:

“An act for the relief of the late collector of Montgomery county;”

“An act to authorize Henry Dodd and George Early to build a dam across Fox river in McHenry county;”

“An act to restore the records of Franklin county;”

“An act to locate a State road from Little Rock in Kane county to the steam mill bridge on the Des Plaines river in Cook county;”

“An act for the relief of John Walsh;”

“An act to amend ‘An act for the speedy assignment of dower and partition of real estate,’ approved February 6, 1827;”

“An act to establish a State road from St. Mary’s in Jasper county, to Cumberland in Clark county;”

“An act to locate a State road herein named;” and

“An act to amend ‘An act directing the mode of electing Electors for President and Vice President of the United States,’ approved Jan. 11, 1827.”

The latter bill with an amendment, in which the Senate ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A message from the Council of Revision, by Mr. Hawley, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to say that the Council of Revision have passed bills of the following titles, to-wit:

“An act to change the name of the Bethel Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Morgan county, to that of Hebron Society;” and

“An act to regulate mortgages on personal property.”

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the adoption of their resolution, providing that the joint select committee, appointed to examine the Executive offices, be clothed with power to send for persons and papers, and to swear witnesses in aid of their investigation.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill for “An act concerning public roads,” which was some days since introduced by Mr. Youngkin, was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Fulton,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Youngkin,

Referred to the committee on State Roads.

The bill for “An act to repeal the act, entitled ‘An act to incorporate the city of Nanvoo,’ approved Dec’r 16, 1840,” with the pending substitute, coming up for consideration,

Mr. Lott moved to amend the proposed amendment, by adding the following, viz:

“Provided, That no ordinance passed by the Common Council of the city of Nauvoo shall have any force or effect whatever, until the same shall have received the approval of the Governor and Attorney General of this State, and have been published in some public newspaper printed at Springfield at the expense of the said city of Nauvoo.”

Pending which amendment, after debate,

On motion,

The House adjourned.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Mr. Woollard of the House.

This day having been set apart by a resolution for the introduction of bills, the Speaker proceeded to call the State by counties in alphabetical order, beginning with the county of Adams..

Mr. Miller of Adams introduced, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, a bill for “An act to incorporate the Adelpia Theological Seminary,” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Miller of Adams introduced a bill for “An act in relation to appeals,” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Miller of Adams introduced a bill for “An act in relation to re-subpoenaing witnesses,” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Lott introduced a bill for “An act to define and protect the rights of married women,” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading; and

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Lott,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Lott introduced a bill for “An act to repeal an act entitled ‘An act to prevent cities and towns from issuing warrants to circulate as money,’ so far as the same relates to the city of Quincy.”

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

And on his further motion, read the second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Lott introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act concerning justices of the peace and constables.'"

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Lott introduced a bill for "An act for the relinquishment by the State of Illinois to the city of Quincy of her right to the bed of the railroad as laid out through said city."

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by its title, when the House refused to order the bill to a second reading.

Mr. Denning introduced a bill for "An act to legalize the acts of certain officers in Pulaski county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Denning introduced a bill for "An act to legalize the assessment of property in the county of Pulaski for the year 1843, and for other purposes," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Woollard introduced a bill for "An act for the relief of Sloss McAdams of Bond county, Sheriff of said county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Woollard,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Loop introduced a bill for "An act to amend 'An act in relation to garnishees,'" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Loop,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Loop introduced a bill for "An act to legalize the sale of a school section therein named," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Loop,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Loop introduced a bill for "An act to indemnify school trustees," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Loop,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Loop introduced a bill for "An act concerning the recording of plats of school sections," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading; and

On motion of Mr. Loop,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Nye introduced a bill for "An act to authorize the Attorney General to settle with J. S. Brockman, late collector of Brown county," which was read the first time, and the House refused to order the bill to a second reading.

Mr. McDonald introduced a bill for "An act to protect owners of wood yards against the illegal acts of steamboat masters and officers," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. McDonald,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title; and

On motion of Mr. Starne,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Smith of Carroll, introduced a bill for "An act to amend 'An act authorising Charles G. Eldridge to keep a ferry across the Mississippi river,'" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Winnebago,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Ricks introduced a bill for "An act for the relief of Jesse Murphy, late Collector of Christian county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Pitner introduced a bill for "An act authorising the Board of Auditors to settle certain claims therein named," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Pitner,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Dunbar introduced a bill for "An act to authorise the appointment of Commissioners in other States to take acknowledgments of deeds and other writings, and depositions, and for other purposes," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dunbar introduced a bill for "An act to increase the school fund in Coles county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Hanson introduced a bill for "An act to improve the navigation of the Okaw river," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time, and referred to a select committee of nine.

Ordered, That Messrs. Starkweather, Hanson, Dunbar, Morris, Janney, Anderson of Lawrence, Pitner, Turley and Reed be that committee.

Mr. Sherman introduced a bill for "An act for the location of a State road from Naperville in Du Page county, to the steam mill bridge in the county of Cook," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sherman,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Sherman introduced a bill for "An act to amend 'An act concerning public roads,' approved March 1, 1841;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sherman,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Janney introduced a bill for "An act to exempt certain real estate and other property from execution," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Janney,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Morris introduced a bill for "An act concerning certain counties therein named," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Morris,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Starkweather introduced a bill for "An act granting further time to make return of the number of scholars in township ten north, range eight east, in the county of Cumberland, and for other purposes," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Starkweather,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Starkweather introduced a bill for "An act to improve the navigation of Embarrass river, and for other purposes," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Starkweather,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to a select committee of nine.

Ordered, That Messrs. Starkweather, Hanson, Dunbar, Morris, Janney, Anderson of Lawrence, Pitner, Turley and Reed be that committee.

Mr. Starkweather introduced a bill for "An act regulating the disposition of real estate on execution," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Starkweather,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Jewell introduced a bill for "An act in relation to county revenue in De Kalb county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Jewell,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Jewell presented a bill for "An act to locate a State road from St. Charles to Brawdic's Grove," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Jewell,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Warren introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to apportion the representation of the several counties of this State,' " approved Feb. 26th, 1841, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Funkhouser introduced a bill for "An act for the relief of Harrison W. Higgs of Effingham county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Funkhouser introduced a bill for "An act concerning Effingham county, and for other purposes," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Funkhouser introduced a bill for "An act concerning township six north, range four east, in Effingham county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Funkhouser introduced a bill for "An act concerning an act entitled 'An act regulating the sale of property, judgments and executions,' " approved January 6th, 1843, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Funkhouser introduced a bill for "An act to exempt certain property from levy on execution," which was read the first time, and the House refused to order the bill to a second reading.

Mr. Parrish introduced a bill for "An act for the settlement of the in-

Starne, Thompson, Tunnel, Vedder, Wagner, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Yates and Zieber.—59.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Babbitt, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Haley, Hick, Hicks, Janney, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Ricks, Robbins, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Stewart, Turley, Vineyard, Warren, Woollard, and Mr. Speaker.—45.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

"An act to amend an act, entitled, 'An act to improve the navigation of the rapids, in Rock river at Rockford, in the county of Winnebago, and to incorporate the Rockford Hydraulic and Manufacturing company,' approved, February 28th, 1843;" and,

"An act to re-locate a part of the State road leading from the town of Amity to the town of Highland."

In the passage of which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have received a communication from the Auditor of Public Accounts, made in obedience to a resolution directing him to report what amount would be added to the State revenue, in case the Legislature should, at its present session, take the land tax from the counties; and have laid the same on the table, and ordered 5,000 copies thereof to be printed for the use of the two Houses of the General Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Hick,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution; which was read and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Auditor of Public Accounts be directed to report to the House of Representatives, as soon as practicable, the amount of the proceeds of saline lands paid out under the provisions of "An act appropriating a portion of the avails arising from the sale of saline lands in Gallatin county, to internal improvements;" approved, February 16th, 1831, to the several counties named in said act; also, the quantity of land sold under said act up to this time, the purposes to which the proceeds thereof were appropriated; the counties named in said act to which nothing has been paid; the names of Agents or Commissioners under said act, who may be in default to the State on account of sales, if any; and the condition, generally, of the said saline lands, and the funds arising from the sale thereof.

Mr. Benedict, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a bill for "An act to repeal certain acts therein named," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its rejection; when,

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

Said bill was referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Whiteside, Cochran and Kuykendall, be that committee.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which were referred the petition of sundry citizens of Rock-

ford, relative to a cemetery for said town, and the petition of the citizens of Rockford, west of Rock river, relative to vacating alleys in said town, reported a bill for "An act incorporating the Rockford Cemetery Association;" which was,

On motion of Mr. Miller, of Winnebago,
Read the first time by its title, and
Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Miller, of Fulton, from the committee on State Roads, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Jo Daviess and other counties in the northern part of the State, praying a charter for a direct road from Galena to Chicago, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Miller, of Fulton,

Said petition was referred to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Warren, from the committee on Counties, to which was referred a bill for "An act to provide for the representation of certain counties therein named;" reported the same back, without amendment and recommended its rejection.

The question was then taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, and decided in the negative.

Mr. Anderson, of Lawrence, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act to amend the charter of the city of Galena;" reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage; when, the bill was

Ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Cushman, from the committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of citizens of Vermilion county, praying the incorporation of a university, together with a bill for "An act to incorporate the Georgetown Seminary," reported the same back with amendments; which were read, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Hanson, from the committee on State Roads, to which was referred a petition of sundry citizens of Coles county, praying a change of a part of the Darwin and Charleston turnpike road, reported a bill for "An act to vacate a part of the Darwin and Charleston turnpike road;" which was read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Cushman, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act for the relief of the securities of Richard J. Hill, deceased," reported the same back, with an amendment; which was read, and concurred in, and the bill, as amended, was

Ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which were referred the petitions of Hugh Feeny, and three hundred and three citizens of Bureau county, praying for an act to authorize said Feeny to construct a certain road therein described, and to receive toll thereon, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was granted; when,

On motion of Mr. Smith of Bureau,

Said petitions were referred to the committee on State Roads.

Mr. Parrish, from the committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of Thomas Morgan, praying for relief, reported a memorial to the Congress of the United States, praying the passage of a law granting a pension to the said Morgan for services rendered, and wounds received during the late war with Great Britain, together with accompanying documents; when, the memorial was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate, and ask their concurrence in the adoption of said memorial.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred the petition of citizens of Rock Island county, praying an alteration in the charter of the Rock Island University, reported a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Rock Island University,' approved January 18, 1840;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lawrence,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title; when,

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

Said bill was referred to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Cushman, from the committee on Education, to which was referred a bill for "An act to change the name of Joseph Carter to Joseph Sullivan," reported the same back without amendment, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was granted; when,

On motion of Mr. Cushman,

Said bill was referred to the joint committee on Change of Names.

Mr. Jackson of McHenry, from the committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of H. S. Cooley, late Quarter Master General of this State, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was granted; when,

On motion of Mr. Jackson of McHenry,

Said petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Miller of Adams moved to dispense with the rule, and take up the resolution from the Senate, relative to the election of Judges of the Supreme Court; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Hannaford, from the committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of M. W. Swing and ten others, of Mason county, praying the sale of certain lands therein named, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was granted; when,

On motion of Mr. Hannaford,

The petition was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lawrence,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution; which was read, and adopted, viz:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the joint select committee raised to examine the Executive offices be clothed with power to send for persons and papers, and to swear witnesses in aid of their investigation.

Mr. Nye, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to legalize the sale of school lands in Adams county."

Mr. Gregg, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill for "An act to pay the interest upon the public debt," reported the same back, without amendment, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was granted; when,

On motion of Mr. Yates,

Said bill was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed for the use of the two Houses.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a resolution, relative to granting licenses to clock pedlars and others, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was granted; when,

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The resolution was laid on the table.

On motion,

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Loop,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the petition of G. A. Sanford and others, owners of lands and lots in the town of Rockford, praying the improvement of Rock river, and consenting that canals for such improvement may be constructed through their lands; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule was further dispensed with, and he presented the remonstrance of citizens of the county of Marquette against being attached to the county of Brown; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Fulton,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to amend 'An act entitled an act concerning public roads,' approved February 20, 1841," was taken from the orders of the day, and read the second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The bill was referred to the committee on State Roads.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that they have passed a bill for "An act to authorize the county of Marshall to transcribe records from Putnam county."

In the passage of which, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have also adopted the accompanying resolution, providing that all petitions in relation to roads be referred to the committee

on Public Roads, in order that the several bills, which the committees may agree upon, be reported in one bill, &c.

In the adoption of which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have also concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of bills of the following titles:

“An act for the relief of the late collector of Montgomery county;”

“An act to authorize Henry Dodd and George Early to build a dam across Fox river in McHenry county;”

“An act to restore the records of Franklin county;”

“An act to locate a State road from Little Rock in Kane county to the steam mill bridge on the Des Plaines river in Cook county;”

“An act for the relief of John Walsh;”

“An act to amend ‘An act for the speedy assignment of dower and partition of real estate,’ approved February 6, 1827;”

“An act to establish a State road from St. Mary’s in Jasper county, to Cumberland in Clark county;”

“An act to locate a State road herein named;” and

“An act to amend ‘An act directing the mode of electing Electors for President and Vice President of the United States,’ approved Jan. 11, 1827.”

The latter bill with an amendment, in which the Senate ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A message from the Council of Revision, by Mr. Hawley, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to say that the Council of Revision have passed bills of the following titles, to-wit:

“An act to change the name of the Bethel Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Morgan county, to that of Hebron Society;” and

“An act to regulate mortgages on personal property.”

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the adoption of their resolution, providing that the joint select committee, appointed to examine the Executive offices, be clothed with power to send for persons and papers, and to swear witnesses in aid of their investigation.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill for “An act concerning public roads;” which was some days since introduced by Mr. Youngkin, was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Fulton,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Youngkin,

Referred to the committee on State Roads.

The bill for “An act to repeal the act, entitled ‘An act to incorporate the city of Nanvoo,’ approved Dec’r 16, 1840,” with the pending substitute, coming up for consideration,

Mr. Lott moved to amend the proposed amendment, by adding the following, viz:

“Provided, That no ordinance passed by the Common Council of the city of Nauvoo shall have any force or effect whatever, until the same shall have received the approval of the Governor and Attorney General of this State, and have been published in some public newspaper printed at Springfield at the expense of the said city of Nauvoo.”

Pending which amendment, after debate,

On motion,

The House adjourned.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Mr. Woollard of the House.

This day having been set apart by a resolution for the introduction of bills, the Speaker proceeded to call the State by counties in alphabetical order, beginning with the county of Adams.

Mr. Miller of Adams introduced, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, a bill for “An act to incorporate the Adelpia Theological Seminary,” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Miller of Adams introduced a bill for “An act in relation to appeals,” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Miller of Adams introduced a bill for “An act in relation to re-subpoenaing witnesses,” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Lott introduced a bill for “An act to define and protect the rights of married women,” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading; and

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Lott,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Lott introduced a bill for “An act to repeal an act entitled ‘An act to prevent cities and towns from issuing warrants to circulate as money,’ so far as the same relates to the city of Quincy.”

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

And on his further motion, read the second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Lott introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act concerning justices of the peace and constables.'"

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Lott introduced a bill for "An act for the relinquishment by the State of Illinois to the city of Quincy of her right to the bed of the railroad as laid out through said city."

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by its title, when the House refused to order the bill to a second reading.

Mr. Denning introduced a bill for "An act to legalize the acts of certain officers in Pulaski county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Denning introduced a bill for "An act to legalize the assessment of property in the county of Pulaski for the year 1843, and for other purposes," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Woollard introduced a bill for "An act for the relief of Sloss McAdams of Bond county, Sheriff of said county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Woollard,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Loop introduced a bill for "An act to amend 'An act in relation to garnishees,'" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Loop,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Loop introduced a bill for "An act to legalize the sale of a school section therein named," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Loop,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Loop introduced a bill for "An act to indemnify school trustees," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Loop,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Loop introduced a bill for "An act concerning the recording of plats of school sections," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading; and

On motion of Mr. Loop,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Nye introduced a bill for "An act to authorize the Attorney General to settle with J. S. Brockman, late collector of Brown county," which was read the first time, and the House refused to order the bill to a second reading.

Mr. McDonald introduced a bill for "An act to protect owners of wood yards against the illegal acts of steamboat masters and officers," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. McDonald,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title; and

On motion of Mr. Starne,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Smith of Carroll, introduced a bill for "An act to amend 'An act authorising Charles G. Eldridge to keep a ferry across the Mississippi river,'" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Winnebago,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Ricks introduced a bill for "An act for the relief of Jesse Murphy, late Collector of Christian county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Pitner introduced a bill for "An act authorising the Board of Auditors to settle certain claims therein named," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Pitner,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Dunbar introduced a bill for "An act to authorise the appointment of Commissioners in other States to take acknowledgments of deeds and other writings, and depositions, and for other purposes," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dunbar introduced a bill for "An act to increase the school fund in Coles county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Hanson introduced a bill for "An act to improve the navigation of the Okaw river," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time, and referred to a select committee of nine.

Ordered, That Messrs. Starkweather, Hanson, Dunbar, Morris, Janney, Anderson of Lawrence, Pitner, Turley and Reed be that committee.

Mr. Sherman introduced a bill for "An act for the location of a State road from Naperville in Du Page county, to the steam mill bridge in the county of Cook," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sherman,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Sherman introduced a bill for "An act to amend 'An act concerning public roads,' approved March 1, 1841;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sherman,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Janney introduced a bill for "An act to exempt certain real estate and other property from execution," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Janney,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Morris introduced a bill for "An act concerning certain counties therein named," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Morris,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Starkweather introduced a bill for "An act granting further time to make return of the number of scholars in township ten north, range eight east, in the county of Cumberland, and for other purposes," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Starkweather,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Starkweather introduced a bill for "An act to improve the navigation of Embarrass river, and for other purposes," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Starkweather,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to a select committee of nine.

Ordered, That Messrs. Starkweather, Hanson, Dunbar, Morris, Janney, Anderson of Lawrence, Pitner, Turley and Reed be that committee.

Mr. Starkweather introduced a bill for "An act regulating the disposition of real estate on execution," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Starkweather,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Jewell introduced a bill for "An act in relation to county revenue in De Kalb county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Jewell,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Jewell presented a bill for "An act to locate a State road from St. Charles to Brawdic's Grove," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Jewell,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Warren introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to apportion the representation of the several counties of this State,' " approved Feb. 26th, 1841, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Funkhouser introduced a bill for "An act for the relief of Harrison W. Higgs of Effingham county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Funkhouser introduced a bill for "An act concerning Effingham county, and for other purposes," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Funkhouser introduced a bill for "An act concerning township six north, range four east, in Effingham county," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Funkhouser introduced a bill for "An act concerning an act entitled 'An act regulating the sale of property, judgments and executions,' " approved January 6th, 1843, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Funkhouser introduced a bill for "An act to exempt certain property from levy on execution," which was read the first time, and the House refused to order the bill to a second reading.

Mr. Parrish introduced a bill for "An act for the settlement of the in-

ternal improvement debt without taxation, by the sale of State property," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Parrish introduced a bill for "An act to repeal an act to authorise a settlement with Macalister and Stebbins," approved March 4th, 1843, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Parrish introduced a bill for "An act for the relinquishment by the State of Illinois to the city of Quincy of her right to the bed of the railroad as laid out through said city," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sharp, on leave, introduced the memorial of Gen. M. K. Alexander, asking compensation for services rendered in the late disturbances in Hancock county, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Burnett introduced a bill for "An act to repeal an act for the benefit of Robert Richey," approved February 6th, 1835, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his motion, the rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Manufactures.

Mr. Vedder introduced a bill for "An act for the disposition of unclaimed costs remaining in the hands of clerks of the circuit and superior courts of this State," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Vedder,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Backenstos introduced a bill for "An act to provide for the payment of costs in criminal cases," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Backenstos introduced a bill for "An act to incorporate the Hancock Antiquarian Association," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Babbitt introduced a bill for "An act to legalize the sale of property therein named," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Babbitt,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

And then the House adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Sharp introduced a bill for "An act concerning a portion of the school fund in the county of Fulton;" which was read the first time, and
Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Brinkley moved to dispense with the rule, to enable him to introduce a resolution; which was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Starne,

A call of the House was ordered, and after some time spent therein, further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Brinkley introduced a bill for "An act to repeal a certain act, approved March 1st, 1839, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule was suspended, and the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to a select committee of five.

Ordered, That Messrs. Brinkley, Bradley, Vineyard, Kuykendall and Sexton be that committee.

Mr. Henderson introduced a bill for "An act to change the name of David Findley," which was read the first time, and,

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Henderson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Joint Committee on Change of Names.

Mr. Brinkley introduced a bill for "An act to authorize the collector of the taxes of Jackson county for the year 1842;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to a select committee of five.

Ordered, That Messrs. Brinkley, Bradley, Cochran, Robbins and Wilkinson be that committee.

Mr. Hicks introduced a bill for an act entitled "An act to change a road, and for other purposes;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered, to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hicks,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Aldrich introduced a bill for "An act to incorporate the 'Franklin Literary and medical College of Illinois.'"

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Aldrich introduced a bill for "An act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace and constables in replevin and forcible entry and detainer, and forcible detainer;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Aldrich introduced a bill for "An act to authorise the School Commissioner of Jo Daviess county to distribute school fund;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Aldrich introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act concerning Criminal Jurisprudence;'" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Manning introduced a bill for "An act to incorporate the town of Knoxville in Knox county; which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Manning,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Butler introduced a bill for "An act to authorise the trustees of school lands to re-value the school section in township forty-six north, range ten east of the third principal meridian;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Butler,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Butler introduced a bill for "An act regulating common schools in township forty-four north, range eleven east of the fourth principal meridian;" which was, on his motion, read the first time by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Butler,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Butler introduced a bill for "An act declaring a road therein named, a State road;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Butler,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Butler introduced a bill for "An act to increase the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace and Constables;" when, on his motion, the rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Butler,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Cushman introduced a bill for "An act providing for funding the debt of La Salle county, and for the payment of the interest thereon;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cushman,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, introduced a bill for "An act entitled an act for ascertaining the amount of the debts of the State, and for other purposes;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lawrence,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, introduced a bill for "An act to make further allowance to widows, and to reserve the homestead of judgment debtors." The rule was dispensed with on his motion, and the bill read the first time by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his motion, the rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, introduced a bill for "An act to facilitate the collection of debts by executors and administrators, in desperate cases;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lawrence,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, introduced a bill for "An act to amend the act to reduce the public debt one million of dollars, and to put the Bank of Illinois into liquidation," approved February 25th 1843; which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lawrence,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Davis of Williamson,

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, introduced a bill for "An act to provide for the payment of moneys herein named;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Canals and Canal Lands.

Mr. Deskines introduced a bill for "An act to locate a State road therein named;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on State Roads.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the petition of sundry citizens of De Witt and Logan counties, for a State road therein named, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Benedict introduced a bill for "An act concerning the Sangamon river;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Benedict introduced a bill for "An act for the transfer of certain school funds from the county of Sangamon to the county of Macon;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Strong introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act to incorporate the Alton Marine and Fire Insurance Company, approved February 7, 1835, and the various supplements thereto;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Strong introduced a bill for "An act to change the place of holding the Circuit Court of Madison county a part of the time, and for other purposes." On his motion, the rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was further suspended, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Scott of Macoupin, introduced a bill for "An act to change the name of the town of Newburgh, in Macoupin county, to Cummington;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Scott of Macoupin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Boyakin introduced a bill for "An act to amend the several laws of this State in relation to the duties of the Treasurer;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. White of Menard, introduced a bill for "An act to legalise the assessment of property in Menard county for the year 1844;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. White of Menard,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hardie introduced a bill for "An act to authorise Justices of the Peace to take recognizances in certain cases;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hardie,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that they have passed a bill for "An act to locate the Public Square in the town of Plainfield, Will County, State of Illinois."

In the adoption of which, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Hardie introduced a bill for "An act to authorize the Secretary of State to subscribe for certain periodical works," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hardie,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Kirkpatrick introduced a bill for "An act regulating the advertising of the settlement of estates," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Kirkpatrick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Arenz introduced a bill for "An act to liquidate a portion of the Public Debt," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Arenz,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Arenz introduced a bill for "An act to locate a State Road in Morgan County," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Arenz,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Yates introduced a bill for "An act to regulate practice before Justices of the Peace," which was, on his motion, read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Yates,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Yates introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act legalizing certain records in Greene county, and authorizing Recorders to appoint deputies in certain cases,' in force January 24, 1843," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Yates,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Rawlings introduced a bill for "An act changing the terms of the Circuit Court in Morgan County," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Rawlings,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Deskines introduced a bill for "An act to change the name of Postville, in Logan County, to that of Dallas," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Joint Committee on Change of Names.

Mr. Davis of McLean, introduced a bill for "An act for the benefit of Garrett M. Blue, late Sheriff of the county of Livingston," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Davis of McLean, introduced a bill for "An act to amend 'An act defining and regulating proceedings in action of ejectment,' " approved March 2, 1839, which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Davis of McLean, introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act concerning the public revenue, approved February 26, 1839,' " which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Randolph introduced a bill for "An act for the relief of the collector of McDonough county," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Randolph introduced a bill for "An act for the sale of real estate of deceased persons," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hitt introduced a bill for "An act for the improvement of the navigation of Rock river," which was,

On motion of Mr. Starnes,

Read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hitt,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Hitt introduced a bill for "An act providing for the re-appraisal of a school section therein named," which was, on his motion read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hitt,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Zieber introduced a bill for "An act to authorize the construction of a toll-bridge across the Illinois river," which was, on his motion, read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Zieber,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Zieber introduced a bill for "An act to locate and establish a State road," which was, on his motion, read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Zieber,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Zieber introduced a bill for "An act to incorporate the Peoria Musical Association," which was, on his motion, read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Zieber,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Zieber introduced a bill for "An act to provide for taking the census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the State of Illinois, for the year 1845," which was, on his motion, read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Zieber,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time, and referred to a Select Committee of five.

Ordered, That Messrs. Zieber, Woollard, Turley, Strong and Starkweather, be that Committee.

On motion of Mr. Scott of De Witt,

Leave was given him to withdraw sundry petitions and remonstrances relative to a division, and removal of the seat of justice of De Witt county; and also the annexation of a portion of Logan county to the said county of De Witt.

Mr. Scott of De Witt, introduced a bill for "An act to legalize the official acts of certain Justices of the Peace, and for other purposes," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Scott of De Witt,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Blair introduced a bill for "An act to allow supervisors a compensation for their services," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Blair introduced a bill for "An act to enable tax payers to draw their share of redemption money," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Vineyard introduced a bill for "An act to locate a State Road from Golconda to Elizabethtown," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Vineyard,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Vineyard introduced a bill for "An act to enable the School Commissioner of Pope and Massac counties, to make settlement with those indebted to the school fund," which was, on his motion, read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Vineyard,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Vineyard introduced a bill for "An act to establish the line between the counties of Gallatin and Hardin," which was, on his motion, read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Vineyard,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Vineyard introduced a bill for "An act to authorize the collector of Pope county to collect and pay over revenue," which was, on his motion, read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Vineyard,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Vineyard introduced a bill for "An act to more effectually prevent the emigration of colored people to this State," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Vineyard,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to a Select Committee of five.

Ordered, That Messrs. Vineyard, Dunbar, Adams, Collins and Alexander, be that Committee.

Mr. Vineyard introduced a bill for "An act for the re-weighing salt in the State of Illinois," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Vineyard,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Manufactures.

Mr. Robbins introduced a bill for "An act concerning School Lands in Randolph county," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Robbins,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Robbins introduced a bill for "An act to legalize the acts of the trustees of the town of Chester, in Randolph County," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading,

On motion of Mr. Robbins,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Robbins introduced a bill for "An act for the removal of the seat of justice of Randolph County," which was, on his motion, read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Robbins,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Reed introduced a bill for "An act to locate a State Road from Olney, in Richland county, to Fairfield, in Wayne County," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Reed,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Roads.

Mr. Reed introduced a bill for "An act to attach part of the county of Wayne, to the county of Richland, which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Reed,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Reed introduced a bill for "An act further to amend an act entitled 'An act regulating elections,' which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Reed,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Elections.

Mr. Logan introduced a bill for "An act to exempt burying grounds from taxes, executions, and attachments," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Logan introduced a bill for "An act in relation to the records of Sangamon County," which was, on his motion, read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Logan introduced a bill for "An act to regulate practice in the Circuit Courts," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Herndon introduced a bill for "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the City of Springfield,'" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Herndon,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Leighton introduced a bill for "An act declaring certain additions to the town of Manchester, Scott county, vacated;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Leighton,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Brown introduced a bill for "An act relating to town plats therein named;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Brown introduced a bill for "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Rushville,'" approved March 2, 1839; which was, on his motion, read the first time by the title; and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Turley introduced a bill for "An act to provide for the election of a commissioner to take the enumeration of the inhabitants of the several counties of this State;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Turley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the morning session of Monday next, be devoted to the introduction of bills and resolutions; and that the counties which have not been called to-day, shall be first called.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from a select committee; when

Mr. Boyakin, from the select committee appointed to report resolutions to the House, expressive of the sense of this General Assembly on the imprisonment of Governor Dorr of Rhode Island, reported a preamble and resolutions on that subject; when

On motion,

The House adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hale.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

Leave of absence for four days was granted to Mr. Kirkpatrick, a Representative from Montgomery county.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

Leave of absence for one week was granted to Mr. Scott, a Representative from the county of De Witt.

A Message from the Senate by Mr. McMurtry, a Senator:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the adoption of their preamble and resolutions in relation to a revision or compilation of the laws of this State, at this session of the General Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lawrence,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred the conditional contract between the Governor and James Dunlap, President of the Bank of Illinois, and agent of the private stockholders, in said Bank; when he reported a preamble and resolution confirming said conditional contract; which were read.

Mr. Boyakin moved to amend the resolution by striking out all of said resolution after the words "be and the same is hereby" and to insert in lieu thereof the word "abrogated."

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The main question was ordered.

The question recurring on the amendment proposed by Mr. Boyakin, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Hick and Blair:

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Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Deskines, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Hanson, Henderson, Hendry, Hicks, Jackson of Stark, Lockard, Lott, M'Donald, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Starne, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wood, Woollard, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—48.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arnold, Barnsback, Burnett, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Herndon, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Kuykendall, Leighton, Logan, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrison, Myers, Pratt, Rawlings, Sexton, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woodburn, Yates and Youngkin.—50.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the preamble and resolution, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays on the demand of Messrs. Boyakin and Blair.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arnold, Burnett, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Herndon, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Kuykendall, Leighton, Logan, Loop, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrison, Myers, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Ross, Sexton, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woodburn, Yates and Youngkin.—53.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Deskines, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Hanson, Henderson, Hendry, Hicks, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Lockard, Lott, McDonald, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Starne, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wood, Woollard, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—49.

On motion

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Pratt moved the reconsideration of the vote this day taken upon the adoption of the preamble and resolution, relative to confirming the conditional contract between the Governor and James Dunlap, President of the Bank of Illinois, and agent of the private stock-holders in said Bank.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lawrence,

A call of the House was ordered; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Boyakin moved to dispense with further proceedings under the call; which was not agreed to.

And after further proceeding under the call,

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The call was dispensed with.

The question was then taken on reconsidering the vote on the adoption of the preamble and resolution, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Sexton and Benedict.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hanson, Hendry, Hicks, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Morris, Morrison, Nye, O'Connor, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Starne, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Scott, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wood, Woodburn, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—58.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Burnett, Collins, Cushman, Denning, Emerson, Fletcher, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Herndon, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Leighton, Logan, Loop, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Myers, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Sexton, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, White of Menard, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard and Yates—40.

Mr. White of Scott moved to reconsider the vote taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Boyakin; which was agreed to.

Mr. Morrison moved to reconsider the vote on ordering the main question; which was not agreed to.

The question recurred on the amendment proposed by Mr. Boyakin; which was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Sexton and Blair.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Haley, Hanson, Hendry, Hicks, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Lockard, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Morris, Morrison, Nye, O'Connor, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Starkweather, Starne, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Wagner, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wood, Woollard, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—56.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Barnsback, Burnett, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Denning, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Herndon, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Kuyken-

dall, Leighton, Logan, Loop, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Myers, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Sexton, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woodburn, Yates and Youngkin.—49.

The question was taken on the adoption of the preamble and resolution as amended, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the adoption of the preamble and resolution of the House, abrogating the conditional contract between the Governor and James Dunlap, president of the Bank of Illinois, and agent of the private stock-holders of said Bank.

Senate bill for "An act to repeal the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the city of Nauvoo,'" approved December 16, 1840, coming up in its proper order,

The question recurred on the amendment proposed by Mr. Lott to the amendment proposed by Mr. Ross; and, after debate,

On motion,

The House adjourned till 7 o'clock, P. M.

SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House resumed the consideration of the Senate bill for "An act to repeal the act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the city of Nauvoo,'" approved Dec. 16, 1840, together with the amendments pending thereto.

Mr. Cochran moved to lay the proposed amendments on the table.

Mr. Brinkley moved a call of the House; which was ordered; and, after some time spent therein,

On motion of Mr. Robbins,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question was then taken on Mr. Cochran's motion to lay the proposed amendments on the table, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Lott and Benedict, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Halcy, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Kuykendall, Leighton, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, Thompson, Turley, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Wilcox, Williams, Yates and Youngkin—65.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Collins, Cox,

Cushman, Deskines, Gregg, Hannaford, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Nye, O'Connor, Pratt, Ross, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, Whiteside, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—39.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence moved the previous question; when,

Mr. Lott moved that the House do now adjourn; which was agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Thompson and Morrison, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Deskines, Gregg, Hannaford, Hardie, Harriott, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pickering, Pratt, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagary, Warren, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—53.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Haley, Hanson, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Kuykendall, Leighton, Logan, Matthews, Morris, Morrison, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Kandolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Smith of Sangamon, Strong, Thompson, Turley, White of Menard, White of Scott, Williams and Youngkin—51.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Richmond.

Mr. Youngkin moved that the counties which were not called for want of time, under a resolution providing for the introduction of bills by the members from the different counties in this State in alphabetical order, have leave to resume the order this day, as was provided by said resolution; which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

The vote taken some days since on referring a bill for "An act to provide for the payment of moneys herein named," to the committee on Canals and Canal Lands was re-considered; and, on his motion, referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. O'Connor introduced a bill for "An act to extend the corporate powers of the town of Peru;" on his motion, the rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading, and

On the further motion of Mr. O'Connor, the rule was suspended, and

the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Jackson of Stark, introduced a bill for "An act legalizing certain records in Stark county;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, of Stark,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Jackson, of Stark, introduced a bill for "An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Stark county to sell lots in the town of Toulon;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, of Stark,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Thompson introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act concerning common schools,' " approved, February 26th, 1841; which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Thompson introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act to authorize St. Clair county to establish a ferry across the Mississippi river;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to a select committee of five.

Ordered, That Messrs. Thompson, Strong, Whiteside, Woollard and Tunnel, be that committee.

Mr. Morrison introduced a bill for "An act for the relief of the infant heirs of James M. Reynolds, deceased;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Morrison introduced a bill for "An act to incorporate the town of Belleville in St. Clair county;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Morrison introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act concerning estrays,' " approved, February 9th, 1835; which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Morrison introduced a bill for "An act to incorporate the Belleville

and Illinoistown Turnpike Company;" which was read the first time, and *Ordered* to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title and referred to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Wilcox introduced a bill for "An act to vacate the town plat of the town of Kingston;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title and referred to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Cochran introduced a bill for "An act to diminish costs in courts of Law;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Cochran introduced a bill for "An act in relation to the practice of physicians;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Youngkin introduced a bill for "An act in relation to counties which have not received their proportion of the proceeds of the saline lands;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Youngkin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Salines and Saline Lands.

Mr. Youngkin introduced a bill for "An act regulating the licensing of Groceries, &c.;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Youngkin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title; when,

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The bill was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Haley introduced a bill for "An act to amend 'An act concerning public roads,' " approved, 20th of February, 1841; which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Haley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Roads.

Mr. Haley introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace,' " approved, December 29th, 1826; which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Haley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Haley introduced a bill for "An act to amend 'An act regulating the salaries and fees of the several officers and persons therein mentioned,'" approved, February 19th, 1827; which was read the first time, and
Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Haley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time, by its title, and referred to the committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Haley introduced a bill for "An act to amend 'An act authorizing counties to give a bounty on Wolf scalps,'" approved, February 15th, 1843; which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Haley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. White, of Washington, introduced a bill for "An act relative to criminal jurisprudence;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. White, of Washington,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Starne,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Emerson introduced a bill for "An act concerning the collection of debts;" which was read; when,

On motion of Mr. Starne,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Wilkinson introduced a bill for "An act for the location of a State road in the counties of Lee and Ogle;" which was read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilkinson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State roads.

Mr. Collins introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act relating to schools in township thirty-five north, of range twelve east, in Will county, and for other purposes;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Collins,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Gregg introduced a bill for "An act additional to several acts in relation to justices of the peace and constables;" which was read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. White, of Washington, introduced a bill for "An act to provide for the registration of the colored population of this State;" which was read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. White, of Washington,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Campbell introduced a bill for "An act to provide for the payment of the debt due from the State to the school, college, and seminary fund;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Campbell introduced a bill for "An act to exempt certain property from execution or other process, and for other purposes;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Campbell introduced a bill for "An act to attach a part of Richland county to the county of Wayne;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The rule was dispensed with, the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Gregg introduced a bill for "An act in relation to the duties of masters in chancery;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Davis, of Williamson, introduced a bill for "An act to authorize the late collector of Williamson county to collect certain taxes for the year 1842;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis, of Williamson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time, and referred to a select committee of five.

Ordered, That Messrs. Davis of Williamson, Parrish, Bradley, Brinkley and Brown, be that committee.

Mr. Miller, of Winnebago, introduced a bill for "An act concerning appeals and writs of error, and for other purposes;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller, of Winnebago,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Miller, of Winnebago, introduced a bill for "An act to acknowl-

edgment of the town plat of Rockford, on the west side of Rock river;" which was read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Winnebago,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Miller, of Winnebago, introduced a bill for "An act authorizing recorders to take the proof or acknowledgment of deeds and other writings;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller, of Winnebago,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Miller, of Winnebago, introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act authorizing the erection of a bridge across Rock river at Rockford,' " approved, 27th February, 1843; which was read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller, of Winnebago,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on State roads.

Mr. Myers introduced a bill for "An act to authorize the school commissioners of Tazewell and McLean counties to pay over school moneys to the counties of Woodford and Mason;" which was read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Myers,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Cox introduced a bill for "An act to incorporate the Urbana Seminary Society;" which was read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Nye, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to restore the records of Franklin county;"

"An act to amend 'An act directing the mode of electing electors for President and Vice President of the United States;' " approved, January 11th, 1827;

"An act to establish a State road from St. Mary's in Jasper county, to Cumberland, in Clark county;"

"An act to amend 'An act for the speedy assignment of dower and partition of real estate,' " approved, February 6th, 1827;

"An act to authorize Henry Dodd and George Early to build a mill-dam across Fox river in McHenry county;"

"An act for the relief of John Walsh;" and

"An act for the relief of the late Collector of Montgomery county."

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from a standing committee; when,

Mr. Arnold, from the committee on the Canal and Canal Lands, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act to amend the several laws allowing the Illinois and Michigan canal lands to be taxed and sold for taxes," reported the same back, with sundry amendments; which were read and concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title; when,

Mr. Logan moved to amend the bill by striking out of the first section, all after the enacting clause; which was agreed to; and the bill, as amended, was then passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in said amendment.

Mr. Smith, of Sangamon, moved to dispense with the rule, and take up a Senate bill relating to Bank Commissioners; which was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act to amend 'An act authorizing counties to give a bounty on wolf scalps,'" approved, February 15, 1843; which was read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary..

Mr. Loop, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and laid before the Council of Revision:

"An act to locate a State road from Little Rock, in Kane county, to the Steam mill bridge on the Des Plaines river, in Cook county;" and

"An act to incorporate the Chicago and Rock river, Plank road Company."

On motion of Mr. Miller, of Fulton,

The rule was dispensed with, and the Senate resolution in reference to the disposition of petitions on State roads, and requiring the joint committees of the two Houses on State roads, to consolidate all acts on the subject of roads; was taken up and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Deskines presented the petition of Hutson M. Lunhim and other citizens of Logan county, praying the passage of a law authorizing William Randolph to sell and convey real estate; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sharp presented the petition of James Rankin and two hundred and eighty-four other citizens of Fulton county, remonstrating against all divisions of the county of Fulton; which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Gregg presented the petition of C. C. Van Horne and sixty-one others, inhabitants of Township 35 North, Range 12 East, in Will county, praying for a reduction of interest on the school fund loaned in said

township; which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Deskines presented the petition of sundry citizens of School district No. 2, in Township 19 North, of Range 4 West, praying a special law, authorizing them to levy a tax to build a school house; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Logan presented the petition of ten voters of Lick creek, in Sangamon county, praying for a new county, to be established from the counties of Morgan, Sangamon and Macoupin; which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Lott presented the petition of sundry citizens of the city of Quincy, praying the passage of a law to authorize the trustees of common schools in said city to levy a tax for purposes of education; which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. White of Menard on leave introduced a bill for "An act to vacate part of a certain Street in the town of Petersburg in Menard county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Public Grounds and Public Buildings.

Mr. Benedict presented the petition of 94 citizens of Piatt county, praying the Sangamon river to be declared a navigable stream, and legislative aid to improve the same; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Hanson presented the petition of 27 inhabitants of Coles county in Township 13 north of range 7 east, praying the reduction of interest on school money, and for other purposes;" which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Scott of Macoupin presented the petition of 168 citizens of Macoupin county, praying the formation of a new county, out of parts of Sangamon, Morgan and Macoupin counties.

Mr. Pratt presented the petition of 19 citizens of Morgan county praying for three mile strip of said county to be attached to the county of Cass; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Williams presented the petition of 104 citizens of Tazewell and Woodford counties, praying for alteration of the line between said counties; which without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Warren presented the petition of Leander Mills and 109 other citizens of Du Page county, praying for the repeal or amendment of certain laws therein specified;" which was read.

Mr. Brinkley moved to lay the petition on the table; which was not agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The petition was referred to the same select committee to which similar petitions had heretofore been referred.

Mr. Logan presented the petition and claim of Thomas Newton, for services in campaign for suppressing disturbances in Hancock county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Jackson of Stark presented the petition of 30 citizens of Stark

county, praying the repeal or amendment of the laws concerning colored persons; which was read; when,

Mr. Brinkley moved to lay the petition on the table; which was not agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

The petition was referred to the select committee to which other petitions on the same subject were referred.

Mr. Arnold presented the petition of Stephen Ferhes and others, asking for a law authorizing said Ferhes to build a dam across the Des Plaines river; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Canal and Canal Lands.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago presented the petition of sundry citizens of Winnebago county, praying the repeal of laws making a difference between the white and colored population.

Mr. Boyakin moved to lay the petition on the table; which was not agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Miller of Winnebago,

The petition was referred to the same select committee to which other petitions on the same subject have been referred.

Mr. Zieber presented the petition of Charles Ballance, praying for damages; which, without reading, was, on his motion referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Strong presented the petition of citizens of Madison county, praying that taxes due or to become due for the years 1844 and 1845, from sufferers by the late flood be remitted. Also the memorial of the county commissioners court favoring the views of said petition; which, without reading, was, on his motion referred to the select committee to which have been referred other petitions on the same subject.

Mr. Logan presented the account of S. M. Tinsley & Co., against the State of Illinois; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Henderson presented the petition of sundry citizens of Henderson county, praying the Legislature to pass laws to prevent the desecration of the Sabbath; which, without reading, was, on his motion referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Gregg presented the petition of Hugh Cosgrove, a contractor on the Illinois and Michigan canal, praying for a settlement of his claims against the State; which, without reading, was, on his motion referred to the committee on Canal and Canal Lands.

Mr. Smith of Bureau presented the petition of sundry citizens of the counties of Bureau and Putnam, praying for an act authorizing the construction of a road therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on State Roads.

Mr. Sharp presented the petition of J. Solomon and four hundred and three others, praying the reference of the question of removal of the county seat of Fulton county to the legal voters at the next election for county officers in that county; which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Yates presented the petition of sundry citizens of Morgan county, praying the location of a State road; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on State Roads.

Mr. Churchill presented the memorial of Nathaniel Buckmaster, proposing to lease the penitentiary; which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the committee on the Penitentiary.

Mr. Lott presented the petition of sundry citizens of Adams county, praying for the location of a State road therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on State Roads.

Mr. Strong presented the memorial of N. Dorsey, relative to leasing the penitentiary; which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the committee on the Penitentiary.

Mr. Hitt presented the petition of sundry citizens of Lee and Ogle counties, for the improvement of the navigation of Rock river; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Lott presented the petition of citizens of Adams county, for an additional justice of the peace; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago presented the petition of sundry citizens of Winnebago county, for the improvement of the navigation of Rock river; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Hendry presented the petition of sundry citizens of Adams and Hancock counties, praying the creation of a new county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Logan presented the remonstrance of sundry citizens of Sangamon county, against the formation of a new county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Cushman presented the petition of the inhabitants of township thirty-three north, range five east, of the third principal meridian, in relation to their school land, and asking for the passage of a law to authorize them to levy a tax for school purposes, building a school house, &c.; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Education.

On motion,

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from James Dunlap, President of the Bank of Illinois, and agent of the private stockholders of said Bank, requesting the appointment of a joint select committee of the two Houses, to examine the affairs and former management of said institution; which was read; when,

Mr. Hick offered the following resolution; which was read, and adopted, viz:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That a joint select committee of three on the part of the Senate, and five on the part of the House, be appointed to examine into the condition of the Bank of Illinois, with powers to send for persons and papers, and to swear witnesses, and with instructions to report to the two Houses, at as early a day as practicable, the true condition of the Bank, and to re-

commend what further action, if any, the present Legislature should take to secure the interest of the State in the Bank, and to protect the rights of the creditors of the same.

Ordered, That Messrs. Hick, Collins, Ross, Logan and Boyakin be that committee on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Hick,

The communication from the President of the Bank of Illinois was referred to said select committee.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from a standing committee; when,

Mr. Arnold, from the committee on the Canal and Canal Lands, to which was referred a bill for "An act to protect the canal lands against trespasses," approved 4th March, 1837, and "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to protect the canal lands against trespasses,' " approved Feb. 26, 1839, reported the same back, with sundry amendments; which were read, and concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Denning,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from a select committee; when,

Mr. Denning, from the select committee, to which was referred a bill for "An act to permanently locate the county seat of the county of Alexander," together with the amendment of the Senate thereto, reported the same back, and recommended a concurrence with the Senate in their amendment; which was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

The Senate bill for "An act to repeal the act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the city of Nauvoo,' " approved, December 16, 1840, came up in its proper order.

Mr. Deskines moved a call of the House, which was ordered; and, after some time spent therein,

Mr. Thompson moved to dispense with further proceedings under the call; which was not agreed to.

The call of the House was then continued for some time; when,

On motion of Mr. Davis of Williamson,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question being—"Shall the main question be now taken?"

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence withdrew the call for the previous question; when,

Mr. Brinkley moved a call of the House, which was ordered; and, after some time spent therein,

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Babbitt moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question then recurred on ordering the bill to a third reading, and was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Hicks and Boyakin, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown,

Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Wilcox, Williams, Wood, Woollard, Yates, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—76.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Butler, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Gregg, Hannaford, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Nye, O'Connor, Ross, Sharp, Sherman, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Tunnel, Wagner, Warren, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Woodburn and Zieber—36.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence moved to dispense with the rule, and read the bill a third time; which was not agreed to.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Auditor of Public Accounts relative to a resolution of the two Houses requiring suits to be instituted against delinquent collectors; which was read, when,

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

Said communication was laid on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a communication from the Auditor of Public Accounts, transmitting a statement, in part, of the amount of taxable real estate in the several counties of this State, &c.

Mr. Hannaford moved to refer the communication and accompanying table to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Stewart moved to amend said motion, by adding, "and that the same be printed for the use of the two Houses;" which was agreed to; when the question was then taken on the motion as amended, and decided in the affirmative.

The amendment of the Senate to a House bill for "An act to amend the several laws apportioning the representation among the several counties in this State," was read, and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Wynne, a Senator:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

"An act to authorize an additional justice of the peace and constable, in Grayville precinct, in White county;" and

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to diminish the State debt, and to put the State Bank into liquidation,' and to amend an act, entitled 'An act to reduce the public debt one million of dollars, and to put the Bank of Illinois into liquidation.'"

In the passage of which, the Senate ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The resolution of the Senate, having for its object the election of three Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, was read; when,

Mr. Brinkley moved to lay said resolution on the table.

Mr. Lott moved to amend the resolution by striking out the "18th," and inserting "25th;" when,

The question was taken on the motion to lay the resolution on the table and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Nye, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act relative to criminal jurisprudence,'" and

"An act to change the name of the town of Newburgh, in Macoupin county, to Cumnington."

The Senate resolution, relative to the reception of no new business after the 15th inst., and the adjournment of the Legislature *sine die* on the 10th of February, was read; when,

Mr. Nye moved to amend the resolution by striking out "15th" and inserting "25th;" and also by striking out the "10th," and inserting "19th."

Mr. Hick moved to lay the resolution and proposed amendments on the table; which was agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Nye and Prevo, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Brinkley, Burnett, Churchill, Denning, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Logan, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Myers, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Tunnel, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood and Zieber.—58.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson, of St. Clair, Armstrong, Arnold, Blair, Boyakin, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Hendry, Herndon, Jackson of McHenry, Kuykendall, Lockard, Loop, Matthews, Metz, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Nye, Prevo, Rawlings, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, White of Scott, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—49.

On motion,

The House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bergen.

Mr. Pratt presented the petition of Silas Miller and others, citizens of Morgan county, praying to be attached to the county of Cass, which was read, and on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Brown presented the claim of J. D. Manlove against the State of Illinois, in the late Hancock disturbances," which, without reading, was,

on his motion, referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Denning presented the petition of Isaac Demint praying relief, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Pratt presented the claim of D. Elliott for services rendered the State in the late Hancock disturbances, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Brinkley presented the claim of William Dennison for services in the Hancock county disturbances, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Harper presented the petition of Lucius Wells and others, for permission to establish a ferry across the Mississippi river at Hampton, Rock Island county, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. White of Menard presented the petition of twenty-nine citizens of Cass county praying to be attached to Menard county, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Rawlings presented the petition of nine hundred and twenty-two voters of Morgan county, remonstrating against all divisions of said county, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Herndon presented the petition and account of Wm. S. Moore, against the State for articles furnished to the late Hancock troop, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Harper presented the petition of John Foster and others, asking permission to construct a wing dam on the Mississippi river near Hampton, Rock Island county, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Morrille presented the petition of sundry citizens of the counties of Marshall and Putnam praying for the formation of a new county, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Hick presented the petition of sundry citizens of White and Gallatin counties, praying the General Assembly to pass a law to sell the mills and water power belonging to the State, at New Haven and Carmi, on the Little Wabash river; and also remonstrating against the removal of the mill dams in said counties, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Herndon presented the claim of Charles Hay and others, which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Whiteside presented the memorial of Levi Owen, praying a share in the bank speculations in common with others, which was read, when

Mr. Whiteside moved to refer it to the Committee on Claims, which was not agreed to; when

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

The memorial was referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Lott presented the petition of Harley B. Harrington and others, praying for the creation of a new county out of parts of Adams, Hancock and Marquette counties; which was read, and on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago presented the petition of sundry citizens of Ogle county, praying a change of county lines therein specified; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Hanson presented the petition of two hundred and seventy-three voters of Coles county, praying for the re-annexation of Cumberland county to Coles county, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Starkweather presented the petition of James D. White and fifty-one others, praying for the re-annexation of Cumberland county to Coles county and other purposes, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have refused to concur with the House in their amendments to the Senate bill for "An act to amend the several laws allowing Illinois and Michigan Canal lands to be taxed and sold for taxes."

Mr. Yates presented the remonstrance of sundry citizens of Morgan county, against being attached to Scott county, and against all divisions of Morgan county, which was read, and referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago presented the petition of sundry citizens of Winnebago county, for the improvement of the navigation of Rock river, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Gregg, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill for "An act to legalize the assessment of property and collection of taxes in the counties of Washington and Effingham," reported the same back with an amendment as a substitute, which was read and concurred in, and the bill as amended, was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Churchill, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the petition of the late collector of taxes in Madison county, reported a bill for "An act giving further time for the collection of the revenue for the year 1843, in Madison county, which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Churchill,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a second time by its title, and *Ordered* to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Churchill,

The rule was further dispensed with, and said bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Starkweather, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred a bill for "An act granting further time to make return of scholars in township ten north, range eight east, in the county of Cumberland, and for other purposes," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A message from the Council of Revision, by Mr. Hawley, their Clerk.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to say that the Council of Revision have approved bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act for the relief of the late collector of Montgomery county;"

"An act to restore the records of Franklin county;"

"An act for the relief of John Walsh;"

"An act to establish a State road from St. Marys in Jasper county, to Cumberland in Clark county;"

"An act to locate a State road from Little Rock, in Kane county, to the steam mill bridge on the Des Plaines river, in Cook county;"

"An act to amend 'An act directing the mode of electing Electors for President and Vice President of the United States,' approved January 11th, 1827;

"An act to authorise Henry Dodd and George Early to build a dam across Fox river in McHenry county;"

"An act to amend 'An act for the speedy assignment of dower and partition of real estate,' approved February 6th, 1827; and

"An act to incorporate the Chicago and Rock river Plank Road Company."

Mr. Robbins, from the Committee on Counties, to which were referred the petition of M. E. Ferris and eight hundred and eighty-nine other citizens of Randolph county, praying for the removal of the seat of justice of said county to the east side of the Kaskaskia river; and also, a bill for "An act for the removal of the seat of justice of Randolph county," reported said bill back, without amendment, and recommended its passage; when the bill was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Hannaford, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred a bill for "An act to authorise the school commissioner of Jo Daviess county to distribute school funds," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage; when the bill was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Jackson of McHenry, from the Committee on Roads, to which was referred the Senate bill for "An act to enable the inhabitants of Elgin precinct, in Kane county, to keep in repair a bridge across Fox river," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage; when the bill was

Ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Hardie, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the claim of John Scoggins for provisions furnished during the late disturbances in Hancock county, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to, when

On motion of Mr. Hardie,

Said claim was referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Arnold, from the Committee on the Canal and Canal Lands, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act to authorize Rice Fay to build a mill dam across Fox river," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage; when the bill was

Ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Agriculture and Manufactures, to which was referred a bill for "An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act

for the benefit of Robert Ritchey," approved February 6, 1835, reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage; when the bill was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Parrish, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of Thomas Brown, praying for relief, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

Said petition was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Davis of McLean, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred a bill for "An act to Incorporate the Franklin Literary and Medical College of Illinois," reported the same back with sundry amendments, which were read and concurred in, and the bill, as amended, was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Warren, from the Committee on Counties, to which were referred the remonstrances of sundry citizens of the counties of St. Clair and Madison, against the formation of a new county out of parts of said counties, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Said remonstrances were laid upon the table.

On his further motion, leave was given him to withdraw the remonstrances.

Mr. Sherman, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred a bill for "An act to incorporate the musical association," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage; when the bill was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Armstrong, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of Edward Doyle, praying for relief, reported the same back and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

Said petition was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Vineyard, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of Joseph Reynolds, of Gallatin county, praying for relief, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Vineyard,

Said petition was referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Woollard, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of thirty citizens residing in township eighteen north, three east, in relation to the school fund of said township, reported the same back and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, which was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

Said petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Winnebago county, praying for the relief of Amos Durbin, reported a bill for "An act for the relief of Amos Durbin;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Brinkley, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred a communication from the "New York institution for the blind," reported the same back and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, which was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

Said communication was laid on the table.

Mr. Cushman, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred a bill for "An act to authorise the school commissioner of La Salle county, to pay over certain moneys to the counties of Grundy and Kendall," reported the same back with an amendment, as a substitute; which was read, and concurred in; when the bill, as amended, was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Denning,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from the select committee, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act concerning the counties of Union, Alexander and Pulaski;" when he reported the same back, with an amendment, which was read and concurred in; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Cushman, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of fifty citizens of Grundy county, praying for their distributive share of the school, college and seminary fund, received by La Salle county for the years 1841 and 1842, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Cushman,

Said petition was laid on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have concurred with them in the adoption of their resolution providing for the appointment of a joint select committee to examine into the condition of the Bank of Illinois, &c., and have appointed Messrs. Minard, Dougherty and G. Smith, the committee on their part.

A bill for "An act to regulate the mode of levying executions," came up in its proper order.

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Hick, to lay the whole subject on the table; when he withdrew said motion.

Mr. Hick then moved to lay the amendment proposed by Mr. Blair, on the table; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Benedict and Hicks, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Benedict, Brinkley, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Haley, Hanson, Hicks, Hitt, Janney, Kuykendall, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Tunnel, Turley, Vineyard, White of Washington, White-side, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker—46.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos,

Barnsback, Blair, Boyakin, Brown, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Prevo, Rawlings, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Thompson, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Woollard, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber—65.

Mr. Benedict moved to amend the amendment, proposed by Mr. Blair, by adding the following:

“Provided, That the repeal of said act shall not extend to any judgments or decrees which have been, or hereafter shall be rendered upon any contract made, or cause of action accruing between the 27th day of February, 1841, and the first day of May, in the same year.

Mr. Hicks moved to refer the bill and proposed amendments to a select committee of five; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Logan and Blair, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Haley, Hansen, Hardie, Henderson, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Janney, Kuykendall, McDonald, Matthews, Miller of Fulton, Morrison, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Tunnel, Turley, Vineyard, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn and Woollard—52.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Blair, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Deskines, Emerson, Gregg, Hannaford, Harper, Harriott, Hendry, Herndon, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Myers, Ross, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Thompson, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—59.

Mr. Logan moved to lay the amendment proposed by Mr. Benedict, on the table; which was agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Boyakin and Benedict, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Blair, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Pratt, Rawlings, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Ved-

der, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber.—67.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hick, Hicks, Janney, Kuykendall, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Sexton, Sharp, Starkweather, Tunnel, Turley, Vineyard, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Mr. Speaker.—44.

Mr. Boyakin moved to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Blair, by adding the following:

“Provided, That no contract made or extended, under the constitutional provisions of the law hereby repealed shall in any case be impaired.”

Pending which amendment,

The House adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Dresser.

Mr. Turley presented the petition of 219 citizens of the counties of Montgomery, Fayette, Shelby and Christian, praying for a new county, which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to a select committee of five.

Ordered, That Messrs. Turley, Funkhouser, Hanson, Ricks and Kirkpatrick be that Committee.

Mr. Cushman presented the remonstrance of 804 citizens of La Salle county, remonstrating against any division of their county, which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Smith of Bureau presented the remonstrance of 553 citizens of the county of Bureau, remonstrating against any division of their county, which without reading, was on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Dunbar presented the petition of 800 citizens of Coles county, remonstrating against the annexation of Cumberland to the county of Coles, which was read, and on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Deskines asked leave to withdraw the petitions and remonstrances relative to the division and removal of the county seat of Logan county, and the annexation of a part of the county of Logan to the county of De Witt, which was granted.

Mr. Starkweather, from the Committee on Engrossed bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for “An act granting further time to make return of the number of scholars in township ten north, range eight east, in the county of Cumberland.”

Mr. Pratt presented the claim of A. Job, and J. Duchart, for services rendered in the late disturbances in Hancock county, which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Woollard presented the petition of 34 citizens of the Bethell set-

tlement in Bond county, praying the repeal of certain laws on the subject of slavery, which was read.

Mr. Denning moved that the petition be laid on the table, which was not agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Herndon,

It was referred to the select committee, to which were referred petitions on the same subject.

Mr. Logan presented the petition of sundry citizens of Rochester school district, in Sangamon county, praying an appropriation of the interest due said district from the school fund, which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Logan presented the remonstrance of sundry citizens of Sangamon county, against any division of said county, which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Kuykendall from the Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled bills, reported as correctly enrolled, bills of the following titles:

“An act to locate a State road therein named;”

“An act to authorise the school commissioner of Morgan county to pay certain moneys;”

“An act to amend the several laws apportioning the representation among the several counties in this State;”

“An act requiring county orders to be countersigned by county Treasurers;” and

“An act to amend an act exempting certain articles from execution;” and that they had this day laid said bills before the Council of Revision.

They also report as correctly engrossed a bill for “An act to incorporate the Georgetown Seminary, in the county of Vermilion.”

Mr. Armstrong presented the petition of J. Crotty, for relief, which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the Committee on Canal and Canal Lands.

Mr. Logan presented the petition of sundry persons, praying “An act of incorporation for a Fourier Society,” with a constitution for said society; the petition was read, when the constitution and petition were referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Armstrong presented the petition of 175 citizens of Kendall county, praying the removal of the county seat, which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Blair, from the Committee on Counties, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Morgan county, praying to be attached to Cass county, reported a bill for “An act extending the limits of Cass county,” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Whiteside, from the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures to which was referred a bill for “An act to authorise the Secretary of State to subscribe for certain periodical works,” reported the same back to the House and recommended its passage. The bill was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Whiteside, from the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, to which was referred the claim of B. W. Schneider of Cass county, for relief, reported the same back to the House, and asked to be dis-

charged from the further consideration thereof, which was granted; when, on his motion, the claim was laid on the table.

Mr. Morrison, from the Committee on Retrenchment, to which were referred various bills, petitions and resolutions, on the subject of reducing the fees, salaries and compensations of the various officers and other persons, reported the same back to the House, with a substitute for them all, entitled "An act to fix the salaries, fees and compensation of the several persons and officers therein named."

Mr. Blair moved to refer the whole subject to the Committee of the Whole House, and make them the special order of the day for Wednesday next, and that the substitute be printed for the use of the two Houses.

Mr. Rawlings moved to amend the motion by striking out all that relates to printing.

Mr. Cochran moved that the whole subject be referred to a select committee; when,

On motion of Mr. Denning,

The whole subject was laid on the table, and the substitute printed for the use of the two Houses.

Mr. Armstrong, from the Committee on Retrenchment, to which was referred a bill for "An act to reduce the fees of County Recorders," reported the same back to the House and recommended its rejection; when,

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Blair, from the Committee on Counties, to which were referred various petitions and remonstrances, reported a bill for "An act for the formation of the county of Polk, which was read the first time; when

Mr. Logan moved the indefinite postponement of the further consideration of the bill, which was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Logan and Scott of Macoupin.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. A'drich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Churchill, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Huffman, Janney, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrison, Myers, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Ross, Sexton, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Strong, Thompson, Warren, White of Menard, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Yates and Youngkin—50.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hick, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pratt, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sherman, Starkweather, Stewart, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Scott, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—56.

The bill was then

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Parrish, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of E. H. Merryman and others praying relief for the infant children of John Norris, reported the same back with a bill for "An act for the relief of the infant children of John Norris, deceased," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Gregg, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the petition of E. S. Frazer, in behalf of a committee of arrangements, asking the use of the hall of the House of Representatives, on the 22d day of February next, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to.

Mr. Deskines moved to lay said petition on the table; which was not agreed to; when

Mr. Parrish offered for adoption the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the use of this hall be granted to the masonic institution of Springfield, on the afternoon of the 22d day of February next.

Mr. Deskines moved to amend said resolution, by striking out all after the word "granted," and inserting the following in lieu thereof, viz: "for the purpose of celebrating the anniversary of the birth of General Washington."

Mr. Arnold moved to amend the proposed amendment, by adding it to the proposed resolution.

Mr. Starne moved to lay the resolution and proposed amendments on the table; which was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Deskines and Woollard, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Benedict, Brown, Butler, Cochran, Haley, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Lott, Manning, Miller of Adams, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Pitner, Prevo, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Starne, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Washington, Wilcox, Williams, Wood, Woollard, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—35.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Collins, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Janney, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morille, O'Connor, Parrish, Pickering, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sherman, Stewart, Strong, Tunnel, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, Whiteside, Woodburn and Yates.—63.

Mr. Starne moved the previous question: which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. Arnold, to the amendment proposed by Mr. Deskines, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Deskines moved to reconsider the vote just taken on agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Arnold; which was not agreed to.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Deskines, as amended, and decided in the affirmative.

The question then recurring on the adoption of the resolution, as amended, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Starne and Alexander, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Churchill, Cox, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Janney, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrill, O'Connor, Parrish, Pickering, Pratt, Rawlings, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Tunnel, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Woodburn and Yates.—59.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Cushman, Deskines, Halcy, Hannaford, Hendry, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Lott, Manning, Miller of Adams, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Ricks, Sexton, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Starne, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Washington, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Woollard, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—46.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

“An act to provide for the donation of lots, in towns situated on Canal lands, to public purposes;”

“An act for the relief of John Cooper, collector of revenue for Madison county, for the year 1841;”

“An act to authorize Hannah G. Sharp to keep and maintain a ferry across the Mississippi river, at Warsaw;”

“An act to incorporate the Batavia Cemetery Association;”

“An act to change the time of holding courts in the county of Shelby;”

“An act to attach a strip of lost land to the counties of Fulton and Peoria;”

“An act to incorporate the town of Golconda;” and

“An act to create the county of Highland out of the counties of Marquette and Adams.”

In the passage of which, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and the message from the Senate refusing to concur with the House in their amendments to the Senate bill for “An act to amend the several laws allowing Illinois and Michigan canal lands to be taxed and sold for taxes,” was taken up for consideration; when

The question—“Will the House recede from their amendments to said bill?” was taken, and decided in the negative.

Mr. Logan moved to appoint a committee of conference on the part of the House, and to request the Senate to appoint a similar one on their

part, to take into consideration the proposed amendments to said bill; which was agreed to.

Ordered, That Messrs. Logan, Arnold and Gregg be the committee on the part of the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Whiteside, from the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, to which were referred certain papers relative to the contract for binding between the Secretary of State and Walters & Weber, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to, when

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Said papers were laid on the table.

Mr. Whiteside, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of Joel Reynolds, of Gallatin county, praying relief, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was granted, when

On motion of Mr. Hick,

The petition was referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Hick, Sexton and Whiteside be that committee.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act regulating the assessment and collection of the public revenue," laid upon the table some days since, was taken up, and, on his motion, referred to the Committee of the Whole House, and made the special order of the day for Tuesday next.

Mr. Funkhouser, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the claim of Gen. M. K. Anderson, for extra services rendered during the late disturbances in Hancock county, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

Said claim was referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Boyakin, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act in relation to the duties of masters in chancery," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage; when the bill was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act to incorporate Ewing Seminary in the counties of White and Wayne;" which was read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Armstrong, from the Committee on Retrenchment, to which was referred a communication from the Auditor of Public Accounts, relative to the defalcation of M. H. Wash, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,
Said communication was referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

On motion,
The House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Sexton,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to prevent the further borrowing or disbursing of money for internal improvements, and to set apart a sinking fund for the liquidation of the State debt," was taken out of the orders of the day; when, on his further motion, the rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Retrenchment.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from the select committee to which was referred the Senate bill for "An act for the permanent location of the seat of justice of Moultrie county;" when he reported said bill back with sundry amendments; which were read and concurred in, and the bill, as amended, was

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill, as amended, read a third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in said amendments.

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from the select committee to which were referred petitions of sundry citizens of Shelby and Effingham counties, praying that a portion of the county of Shelby be attached to the county of Effingham; when he reported a bill for "An act to extend the boundary lines of the county of Effingham;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Counties.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution, which was read, and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to inform the House what number of commissions and appointments issue annually from said office, and the number of each kind.

Mr. Whiteside, from the select committee to which was referred a bill for "An act for the relief of certain persons therein named," together with the amendment proposed by Mr. Ross, reported the same back, with amendments, and recommended the rejection of the amendment proposed by Mr. Ross; when

Mr. Nye moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question was taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Ross, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Hanson and Prevo, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Backenstos, Benedict, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Cox, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Harriott, Hendry, Leighton, Lockard, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Myers, Nye, Parrish, Pickering, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Wagner, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams, Wood, Yates and Youngkin.—42.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Barnsback, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Morrison, Oglesby, Pitner, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Sexton, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Vineyard, Warren, White of Menard, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Woodburn, Woollard, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—67.

The question was taken on concurring with the committee in their proposed amendments, and decided in the affirmative.

The question then recurred on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, and was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Ross and Prevo, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Leighton, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Randolph, Reed, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—86.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Elliott, Brown, Cox, Hannaford, Hanson, Harriott, Hendry, Huffman, Lockard, Miller of Fulton, Myers, Nye, Pickering, Prevo, Potts, Ross, Sharp, Turley, Vedder, White of Scott, Wood and Youngkin.—23.

Senate bill for "An act to amend 'An act to incorporate the town of Winchester, in Scott county,'" was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

Said communication was referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

On motion,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Sexton,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to prevent the further borrowing or disbursing of money for internal improvements, and to set apart a sinking fund for the liquidation of the State debt," was taken out of the orders of the day; when, on his further motion, the rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Retrenchment.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him 'to make a report from the select committee to which was referred the Senate bill for "An act for the permanent location of the seat of justice of Moultrie county;" when he reported said bill back with sundry amendments; which were read and concurred in, and the bill, as amended, was

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill, as amended, read a third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in said amendments.

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from the select committee to which were referred petitions of sundry citizens of Shelby and Effingham counties, praying that a portion of the county of Shelby be attached to the county of Effingham; when he reported a bill for "An act to extend the boundary lines of the county of Effingham;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Counties.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution, which was read, and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to inform the House what number of commissions and appointments issue annually from said office, and the number of each kind.

Mr. Whiteside, from the select committee to which was referred a bill for "An act for the relief of certain persons therein named," together with the amendment proposed by Mr. Ross, reported the same back, with amendments, and recommended the rejection of the amendment proposed by Mr. Ross; when

Mr. Nye moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question was taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Ross, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Hanson and Prevo, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Backenstos, Benedict, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Cox, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Harriott, Hendry, Leighton, Lockard, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Myers, Nye, Parrish, Pickering, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Wagner, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams, Wood, Yates and Youngkin.—42.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Barnsback, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huftman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Morrison, Oglesby, Pitner, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Sexton, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Vineyard, Warren, White of Menard, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Woodburn, Woollard, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—67.

The question was taken on concurring with the committee in their proposed amendments, and decided in the affirmative.

The question then recurred on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, and was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Ross and Prevo, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Leighton, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Randolph, Reed, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—86.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Elliott, Brown, Cox, Hannaford, Hanson, Harriott, Hendry, Huftman, Lockard, Miller of Fulton, Myers, Nye, Pickering, Prevo, Reed, Ross, Sharp, Turley, Vedder, White of Scott, Wood and Youngkin.—23.

Senate bill for "An act to amend 'An act to incorporate the town of Winchester, in Scott county,'" was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The communication from the Auditor relative to bringing suits against delinquent collectors of the public revenue, was taken up from the table, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following preamble and resolution, viz :

Whereas, It has been rumored that there has been a large amount of counterfeit State Scrip received in payment of public property or otherwise : Therefore,

Resolved, That the Governor report to this House, whether or not any counterfeit scrip has been received, and if so, what amount, and by whom the same purports to have been signed; also, whether or not there is any means of ascertaining by whom the same was paid to the State, with such other information as may be in his power to communicate to this House relative to such counterfeit scrip; which was read and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Henderson,

The rule was suspended, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of having causes pending in the Supreme Court, arranged upon the docket in the order of the circuits, so as to have all the causes from the same circuit, placed together upon the docket.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Mr. Nye, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles, viz :

"An act entitled 'An act to authorize the School Commissioner of La Salle county to pay over certain moneys to the Counties of Grundy and Kendall ;'"

"An act to amend 'An act to protect the canal lands against trespassers,'" approved March 4th, 1837 ; and

"An act entitled 'An act to protect the canal lands against trespassers,'" approved February 26th, 1839;

"An act to authorize the school commissioner of Jo Daviess county to distribute school funds," and

"An act to incorporate the Peoria Musical Association."

The following Senate bills were severally read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

"An act to amend 'An act relative to criminal jurisprudence,'" in force July 1st, 1833;

"An act for the relief of the heirs of George Finney, deceased;"

"An act more effectually to prevent trespassing, by cutting timber ;"

"An act to alter and amend the law concerning interest on money and usury;"

"An act to re-locate a part of the State road leading from the town of Amity, to the town of Highland;"

"An act to authorize the county of Marshall to transcribe records from Putnam county."

Senate bill for "An act to alter and amend the law concerning interest on money and usury," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The rule was suspended, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House, and made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Leighton, from the select committee to which was referred a bill for "An act declaring a certain road in Scott county a State road," reported it back to the House, with an amendment, which was read and concurred in. The bill then passed as amended.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles:

"An act to repeal 'An act entitled an act for the benefit of Robert Richey,' approved February 6th, 1835;" and

"An act to incorporate the Franklin Literary and Medical College of Illinois."

Senate bill for "An act to re-locate the Public Square in the town of Plainfield, Will county, State of Illinois," was read the first time, when the House refused to order it to a second reading.

Senate resolution requesting the appointment of a joint select committee to inquire into the time of adjournment of the two Houses, was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That Messrs. Arnold, Oglesby and Pratt, be the committee on the part of the House, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Winnobago, the rule was suspended, and the Senate bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to improve the navigation of the rapids in Rock river at Rockford, in the county of Winnebago, and to incorporate the Rockford Hydraulic and Manufacturing Company,' approved February 28th, 1843," was read the first time by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading; when,

On motion of Mr. Miller of Winnebago,

The rule was further suspended, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements; and then

The House adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hale.

Mr. Armstrong moved to re-consider the vote taken yesterday, on refusing to order to a second reading the Senate bill for "An act to re-locate the public square in the town of Plainfield, Will county, State of Illinois;" which was agreed to; when,

The question recurring on ordering said bill to a second reading, it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Collins,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Tunnel presented the petition of one hundred and ninety-nine citizens of Greene county, praying a change of the labor of the convicts in the penitentiary; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on the Penitentiary.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

Leave of absence, until Monday next, was granted to Mr. Ricks, of Christian county.

Mr. Janney presented the petition of two hundred and seven citizens of the county of Crawford, praying that an act may be passed limiting the rate of interest on money to six per cent. per annum; which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the committee of the Whole House, to which other petitions and bills on the same subject had been referred.

Mr. Hardie presented the petition of Henry Kimmel and fifty-two others, citizens of Mercer county, praying the location of a State road from Toulon, in Stark county, to Oquawka, in Henderson county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on State Roads.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of sundry citizens of Schuyler and Cass counties, praying that R. and W. Wells may be granted the privilege of establishing a ferry on the Illinois river at Frederickville, in Schuyler county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on State Roads.

Mr. Loop presented the claim of S. M. Tinsley & Co. for articles furnished in fitting up the State House; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Wilkinson presented the petition of sundry citizens of Lee county, relative to raising a tax to be applied to the payment of interest on the public debt; which was read, and, on his motion referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of sundry citizens of Schuyler and Cass counties, praying the location of a certain State road therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on State Roads.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The rule was dispensed with, and the House proceeded to the consideration of the orders of the day.

The resolution of the Senate, prohibiting the reception of certain bonds, hypothecated with McAlister and Stebbins, in payment of debts due the State, at more than twenty-six cents on the dollar, &c., was read; when,

Mr. Whiteside moved to refer said resolution to the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Arnold moved its reference to the committee on the Judiciary; which was not agreed to.

The question was then taken on referring the resolution to the com-

mittee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, and decided in the affirmative.

Senate bill for "An act authorizing an additional justice of the peace and constable in Grayville precinct, in White county," was read, and
Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Emerson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time, by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Emerson,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Nye, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to legalize the assessment of property and collection of taxes in the counties of Washington and Effingham;"

"An act in relation to the duties of masters in Chancery;"

"An act for the removal of the seat of justice of Randolph county;" and

"An act for the relief of a certain person therein named."

Senate bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to diminish the State debt and put the State Bank into liquidation,' and to amend an act entitled 'An act to reduce the public debt one million of dollars, and to put the Bank of Illinois into liquidation;'" was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Denning,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title.

Mr. Logan moved to refer said bill to the committee on the Judiciary; which was not agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

Said bill was referred to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading, viz:

"An act to create the county of Highland out of the counties of Marquette and Adams;"

"An act to incorporate the Batavia Cemetery Association;"

"An act to authorize Hannah G. Sharp, to keep a ferry across the Mississippi river at Warsaw;"

"An act for the relief of John Cooper, Collector of revenue for Madison county for the year 1841;"

"An act to provide for the donation of lots, in towns situated on canal lands, to public purposes;"

"An act to attach a strip of lost land to the counties of Fulton and Peoria;" and

"An act to change the time of holding courts in the county of Shelby."

Senate bill for "An act to incorporate the town of Golconda;" was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The rule was suspended and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of bills entitled:

“An act to incorporate the Jubilee College;” and

“An act giving further time for the collection of the revenue for the year 1843, in Madison county.”

The Senate have appointed Messrs. Judd and Webb, a committee of conference on their part, to act in conjunction with the like committee on the part of the House, upon the disagreeing vote of the two Houses, on the amendments of the House to the bill, for

“An act to amend the several laws allowing Illinois and Michigan canal lands to be taxed and sold for taxes.”

The Senate have also concurred with the House of Representatives in the adoption of a memorial to the Congress of the United States, praying relief for Thomas Morgan, a soldier wounded in the late war with Great Britain.

Senate bills of the following titles, were severally read the third time and passed, viz:

“An act for the relief of the securities of Richard J. Hill, deceased;”

“An act to amend the charter of the city of Galena;”

“An act to enable the inhabitants of Elgin precinct in Kane county, to keep in repair a bridge across Fox river.”

Ordered, That the titles of the foregoing bills be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

The rule was suspended and the Senate bill for “An act to repeal the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the city of Nauvoo;’” approved, December 16th 1840; was read the third time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Davis, of Williamson,

A call of the House was ordered, and after some time spent therein, further proceeding under the call was dispensed with.

The vote was then taken on the passage of the bill and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Nye and Backenstos, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Woollard, Yates and Mr. Speaker.—75.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Butler, Collins, Cushman, Gregg, Hannaford, Harriott, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, O'Connor, Ross, Sherman, Starkweather, Starne, Wagner, Warren, Wilkinson, Woodburn and Zieber—31.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. White of Scott,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Leighton until Tuesday next.

Mr. Arnold, from the joint committee of conference, on the disagreeing vote of the two Houses on the amendments of the House to the Senate bill for "An act to amend the several laws allowing Illinois and Michigan canal lands to be taxed and sold for taxes," reported a modification to said House amendments; which was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act to authorize Rice Fay to build a mill dam across Fox river," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act for the government and regulation of the militia of the State of Illinois," coming up on its second reading.

Mr. Hanson moved to lay the bill on the table.

Mr. Gregg moved to amend the motion to lay on the table by adding "and printed;" which was not agreed to.

Mr. Stewart moved to dispense with the rule, and read the bill the second time by its title; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Morrison moved to dispense with the reading of all of said bill except the 36th and 37th sections; which was not agreed to.

And after some progress made in reading the bill, Mr. Blair moved to suspend the rule and read the bill the second time by the title; which was not agreed to.

After progressing in the reading to the 100th section, the House adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The reading of the militia bill was resumed and concluded.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The bill was referred to the committee on the Militia.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have concurred with them in their amendments to the bill for "An act for the permanent location of the seat of justice of Moultrie county."

The Senate have also concurred with the House of Representatives in their amendments, (as amended by the committee of conference appointed by the two Houses) to the bill for "An act to amend the several laws allowing Illinois and Michigan canal lands to be taxed and sold for taxes."

Mr. Blair moved that the House now resolve itself into the committee of the whole House on the Senate bill for "An act to alter and amend the law concerning interest on money and usury;" which had been made the special order for this day, together with the House bill and other papers on the same subject; which was agreed to; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Blair, as chairman of the committee of the Whole House, reported the bill back to the House with various amendments, in which the committee of the Whole asked the concurrence of the House.

When the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Edson.

On motion of Mr. Harriott,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to report the following resolutions from the Committee on the Penitentiary, which were read, viz :

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the Committee on the Penitentiary shall receive proposals until, and on the 6th day of February, 1845, for leasing the State Penitentiary.

2d. That after the 6th day of February, 1845, the Penitentiary Committees of the House and Senate shall meet together, and examine all proposals for leasing the Penitentiary, and thereon report a bill for leasing the Penitentiary to such bidder as a majority of the two Committees shall think best to the interest of the State.

3d. That said proposals shall state the term of the time the person or persons wish to lease said penitentiary, the amount they are willing to pay per annum in gold, silver, or State indebtedness, at its market or current value ; also, whether they will change the labor of the convicts, or any part thereof ; and shall name the securities for their proposed contract.

Mr. Strong moved to lay said resolutions on the table, which was not agreed to.

Mr. Logan moved to amend the resolutions, by adding the following :

Resolved, That said Committee also report all the bids which they may have received, and their reasons for adopting the proposal which they receive.

Mr. Morrison moved to amend the proposed amendment, by adding the following :

"And it shall be the duty of said Committee to report a bill in favor of the highest responsible bidder, who will change the labor of the convicts in said penitentiary to the manufacture of hempen articles, unless, in their opinion, the interests of the State require an adherence to the present plan of working the convicts."

The question being taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Morrison, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Boyakin moved to lay the amendment proposed by Mr. Logan, as amended, on the table ; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Logan and Hanson, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Boyakin, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, Manning, Morrille, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sherman, Starne, Stewart, Vineyard, Warren, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn and Zieber.—43.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Brinkley, Brown, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of Stark, Lockard, Logan, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Strong, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard and Youngkin.—60.

Mr. Pickering moved to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Logan, by striking out all after the word "Resolved," and inserting the following in lieu thereof, viz :

"That the convicts now in the Penitentiary, and such as may hereafter be sentenced to serve therein, be all directed to labor in digging the Illinois and Michigan Canal, so that their labor will not compete with any mechanics or artizans of our State."

Mr. Davis of Williamson, moved to lay the amendment proposed by Mr. Pickering, on the table, which was agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Pickering and Backenstos, as follows :

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Davis, of M'Lean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of M'Henry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Myers, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, Warren, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Woodburn and Zieber.—84.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Backenstos, Blair, Burnett, Collins, Cox, Hanson, Henderson, Hicks, Morrison, Nye, Pickering, Smith of Sangamon, Vineyard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Whiteside, Woollard and Youngkin.—18.

Mr. Boyakin moved to amend the proposed amendment, by striking out the words, "who will change the labor of the convicts in said penitentiary, to the manufacture of hempen articles."

Mr. Strong moved the previous question, which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment proposed by Mr. Boyakin, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Boyakin and Kuykendall, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hick, Hicks, Jewell, Kuykendall, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Reed, Scott of DeWitt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Sherman, Stewart, Warren, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Mr. Speaker.—46.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Robbins, Ross, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Vedder, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams and Zieber.—53.

The question then recurring on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. Logan, as amended, it was decided in the affirmative.

The resolutions, as amended, were then adopted.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Campbell, Secretary of State.

Mr. Speaker : I am directed by the Governor to lay before the House of Representatives a communication in writing.

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution, which was read :

Resolved, That the use of this Hall, this evening and Monday evening, be granted to Mr. Fairchild, for the purpose of delivering lectures on the subject of virtue and temperance.

Mr. Parrish moved to amend said resolution, by striking out all after the word "resolved," and inserting the following in lieu thereof, viz :

"That all applications for the use of this Hall in future, be made to the Speaker, who is hereby authorized to grant it on any evening that he may think proper."

The question was taken on agreeing to the proposed amendment, and decided in the affirmative.

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed bills of the following titles :

“An act for the relief of John O'Brien, late collector of Tazewell county,” and

“An act for the relief of the heirs of Tyler D. Hewitt, deceased, and to adjust the claims of the State of Illinois against said Hewitt, as former Commissioner of Saline Lands in Gallatin county.”

In the passage of which, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have adopted the accompanying resolution, proposing that a Joint Select Committee of two on the part of the Senate, and three on the part of the House, be appointed to inquire into the expediency of providing, that one-half of the buildings and grounds used for a Deaf and Dumb Asylum at Jacksonville, be set apart for a Lunatic Asylum.

In the adoption of which, I am also directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have appointed Messrs. Henry and Leviston the Committee on their part, for the purposes contemplated in said resolution.

Mr. Blair presented the petition of two hundred citizens of Adams, Pike and Marquette counties, praying the formation of a new county, out of parts of said counties, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Nye, from the Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled bills, reported, as correctly enrolled, and that they had this day laid before the Council of Revision, “An act giving further time for the collection of the revenue for the year 1843, in Madison county.”

On motion,

The House adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Richmond.

On motion of Mr. Oglesby,

Leave of absence, for two days, was granted to Mr. Deskines, the Representative from the county of Logan.

Mr. Scott of De Witt presented the petition of Louisa Morris, praying for a divorce; which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ross presented the petition of fourteen hundred and twenty-five voters of Fulton county, remonstrating against any division of said county; which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Sharp presented the petition of sundry citizens of Mason and Fulton counties, praying the location of a road therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Starkweather presented the petition of sundry citizens of Cumberland county, praying the re-location of the county seat of said county,

and for other purposes; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Sherman presented the petition of the Common Council of the city of Chicago, praying for an act to authorize the removing of a certain street therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Harper presented the petition of sundry citizens of Rock Island county, praying the passage of an act to authorize the school commissioner of said county to dispose of depreciated bank paper; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Scott of De Witt presented the petition of thirty-five citizens of De Witt county, praying a revaluation of the sixteenth section in township twenty north, range three east; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Benedict presented the petition of Henry Lehman of Macon county, praying for "An act to legalize to him the said name of Lehman, and his contracts made by him in such name," which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Mr. Pratt presented the claim of J. McKnown against the State for services rendered in the late Hancock expedition, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Emerson presented the claim of James M. Woodruff of Sangamon county, for services rendered in the late Hancock disturbances, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Jewell presented the petition of two hundred and thirty-five citizens of De Kalb county, praying for a new county, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Jewell presented the petition of one hundred and five citizens of La Salle, Lee and De Kalb counties, praying for a new county, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Babbitt presented the petition of Joseph B. Noble and Emma Smith, praying relief for provision furnished in the late Hancock disturbances, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Jewell presented the remonstrance of three hundred citizens of De Kalb county against a division of said county, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Jackson of Stark presented the petition of William H. Henderson and sixty-one others, praying an alteration in the law regulating the sale of spiritous liquors, which, without reading, was, on his motion referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Armstrong presented the petition of three hundred and sixty-five voters of Kendall county, praying the removal of the county seat of said county, which was read, and on his motion referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Boyakin presented the petition of Lewis Hitt and one hundred and thirty-one others, praying for a relocation of a part of the Great Western mail route; which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Boyakin, Oglesby and Hicks be that committee.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence presented the petition of fifty one citizens of township four, north of range ten west, in the county of Lawrence, praying the reduction of the rate of interest on moneys due the school fund in said township, which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Smith of Sangamon presented the claim of John B. Broadwell for forage, &c., furnished during the late disturbances in Hancock county, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Harper presented the petition of Joseph Cox and others of Rock Island county relative to a mill dam on the Mississippi, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Wilkinson presented the petition of F. R. Dutcher and sixty-five others, praying the repeal of a certain law therein named, which, was read, and on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Wilkinson presented the petition of James Campbell and fifty-five others praying the repeal of an act therein named, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Wilkinson presented the petition of sundry citizens of Whiteside county relative to the improvement of Rock river, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Wilkinson presented the petition of sundry citizens of Whiteside county, praying that the laws respecting colored persons be amended, which was read; when

Mr. Brinkley moved to lay the petition on the table; which was not agreed to; when

On motion of Mr. Wilkinson,

It was referred to the same select committee to which similar petitions have been referred.

Mr. Morrille presented the petition of James H. Dickey, William McClung and others of Putnam county, praying an alteration or amendment of the laws relative to colored persons, which was read; when

Mr. Morris moved to lay the petition on the table; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Smith moved to send the following instructions to the Committee, viz:

Resolved, That Mr. Dunbar of Coles be added to the said committee, and that they be authorised to send for persons and papers; which was not agreed to.

On motion, the petition was then referred to the same select committee to which similar petitions have been referred.

Mr. Warren presented the petition of thirty-one citizens of the county of Du Page, praying for the repeal or modification of the laws in relation to persons of color; which was read, and on his motion, referred to the select committee to which similar petitions were some time since referred.

Mr. Miller of Adams, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Schuyler county, praying the formation of a new county; which was read, and on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Scott of De Witt, presented the petition of sundry citizens of De Witt county, praying the location of a certain State road therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Campbell, Secretary of State.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to lay before the House of Representatives a communication in writing.

Mr. Lott moved to dispense with the rules, and take up the communication from the Governor; which was agreed to, when

The communication from the Governor in reply to a resolution of the House, relative to the reception of counterfeit scrip, was read, and

On motion of Mr. Lott,

Referred to a select committee of five.

Ordered, That Messrs. Lott, Whiteside, Boyakin, Yates and Cushman be that committee.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have passed a bill for

“An act to relocate a portion of the State road leading from the city of Springfield in the county of Sangamon, to the town of Shelbyville in the county of Shelby.”

In the passage of which, the Senate ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have laid on the table and ordered to be printed, for the use of the General Assembly, a bill for

“An act to establish and maintain Common Schools.”

The communication from the Governor, proposing to relinquish a portion of his salary, on condition of being allowed, by law, to reside elsewhere than at the seat of Government, was read, and

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Jackson of McHenry presented the petition of one hundred and four citizens of Kane county, praying for a change in the license laws of this State; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Jackson of McHenry, presented the petition of one hundred and three citizens of Kane county, praying for the alteration of the laws making a distinction between colored and white persons; which was read; when

Mr. Huffman moved to refer said petition to the select committee to which similar petitions were referred some days since.

Mr. Robbins moved to amend said motion of reference, by adding the following, viz: “with instructions to report thereon to this House as soon as practicable;” which was agreed to.

Mr. Parrish moved to amend said instructions by adding—“and that the committee be directed to report all the names of the petitioners.”

Mr. Jackson of McHenry moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Parrish and Hicks, as follows.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Arenz, Babbitt, Barnsback, Churchill, Collins, Davis of McLean,

Emerson, Fletcher, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Logan, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, Nye, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Ross, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Stewart, Tunnel, Vedder, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams, Woollard, Youngkin and Zieber—52.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hannaford, Hendry, Hicks, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, Morris, Morrison, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Thompson, Turley, Wagner, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Wood, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker.—54.

Mr. Hanson moved to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Parrish, by adding the following: "*Provided*, That the names shall not be journalized and printed at the expense of the State."

Mr. Brinkley moved to lay the amendment proposed by Mr. Hanson on the table; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Hanson and Manning, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Babbitt, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, McDonald, Morris, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Starkweather, Starne, Thompson, Turley, Wagner, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wood, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker.—48.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Backenstos, Barnsback, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Emerson, Fletcher, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Logan, Loop, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Ross, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Tunnel, Vedder, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard, Youngkin and Zieber.—58.

Mr. Starne moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment proposed by Mr. Hanson, it was decided in the affirmative.

The question was taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Parrish, as amended, and decided in the negative.

The question was then taken on referring the petition to the select committee, with the instructions moved by Mr. Robbins, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Davis of Williamson moved to dispense with the rule, to introduce a resolution; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Scott of De Witt presented the petition of sundry citizens of De Witt county, praying the repeal of the laws in relation to runaway slaves, which was read.

Mr. Scott of De Witt moved to refer the petition to the select committee to which other petitions on similar subjects have been referred, which was not agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Robbins,

It was laid on the table.

Mr. Pickering presented the memorial of sundry citizens of Edwards county, praying the reduction of salaries, &c., which was read, and on his motion, referred to the Committee on Retrenchment.

On motion of Mr. Robbins,

The rule was suspended, and the bill for "An act for the relief of certain persons therein named," was taken from the orders and considered; when,

Mr. Huffman moved to amend the bill by adding the following, viz:

"And that all other persons whose farms have been inundated by the floods of the past season on any of the rivers of this State, so as to destroy their crops and fences, shall be entitled to the same relief as is provided for the sufferers mentioned in the first section of this act.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lawrence,

The main question was ordered.

The question was then taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Huffman, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Nye and Prevo, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Harriott, Hendry, Huffman, Lockard, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morris, Myers, Nye, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Tunnel, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams, Wood, Woodburn and Youngkin.—43.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Barnsback, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Fletcher, Gregg, Hannaford, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Hicks, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Morrison, O'Connor, Oglesby, Pratt, Randolph, Reed, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Turley, White of Washington, Whiteside, Woollard, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—56.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The vote ordering the main question was reconsidered, when,

Mr. Morrison moved to amend the bill by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

"The relief afforded by this act shall not apply to any cases of loss or destruction of property, unless the greater part of the improvements and

farms excepting buildings of the persons suffering by said flood have been destroyed by the same."

Mr. Ross moved to amend the proposed amendment, by adding the following, viz:

"Provided further, that this act shall not extend to any person whose personal property now exceeds in value two hundred dollars;" when,

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the main question was ordered.

The question was then taken on Mr. Ross's amendment to the amendment proposed by Mr. Morrison, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Morrison's amendment as amended was then agreed to.

The question was then taken on the passage of the bill, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Huffman and Thompson, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Brinkley, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, O'Connor, Oglesby, Pitner, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woodburn, Woollard, Youngkin and Zieber.—81.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Boyakin, Brown, Harriott, Hendry, Miller of Fulton, Morris, Nye, Parrish, Pickering, Prevo, Ross, Sharp, Starne, Stewart, Vedder, White of Scott, and Wood.—18.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Council of Revision, by Mr. Hawley, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to say that the Council of Revision has approved bills of the following titles, to wit:

"An act to authorise the school commissioner of Morgan county, to pay certain moneys;"

"An act to locate a State Road herein named;"

"An act to amend an act exempting certain articles from execution;"

"An act requiring county orders to be countersigned by county Treasurers;"

"An act to amend the several laws apportioning the representation among the several counties in this State;"

"An act giving further time for the collection of the revenue for the year 1843, in Madison county."

On motion of Mr. Arenz,

The rule was suspended and leave given him to introduce the following resolution from the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures are hereby authorised to employ a clerk

for the purpose of assisting to transcribe and arrange the accounts concerning the expenses of the late disturbances in Hancock county; said clerk to be allowed not exceeding two dollars per day, to be paid out of the Treasury upon the certificate of the Chairman of the said committee.

The resolution was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Pickering.

The rule of the House was suspended, and he introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That his Excellency, the Governor of this State or acting Canal Commissioner, be respectfully requested to furnish this House, at his earliest convenient opportunity, with a copy of the Illinois and Michigan Canal report, made by the Hon. John Davis to the foreign bond holders of the Illinois and Michigan Canal bonds, which report is expected to contain an estimate of the real value of the work already done towards making said canal; an estimate of the cost of finishing said canal; an estimate of the value of lands, lots, water privileges, and all other property belonging to said canal; also an estimate of the supposed increase of the value of all said property, when the said canal may be finished, with the supposed annual value of the tolls to accrue from said canal when completed.

On motion of Mr. Hick,

The rule was suspended, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act concerning confession of judgments," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again suspended and the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Parrish, from the Committee on Claims to which was referred a communication from the Auditor of Public Accounts on the subject of commencing suits against delinquent collectors of the revenue, reported the following preamble and resolution, viz:

WHEREAS: A joint resolution passed this General Assembly, some time since, requiring the Auditor of Public Accounts, to commence suit against all delinquent tax collectors for the years 1842-43, whose accounts remain unsettled on the first day of February next: and whereas, from the best information that can be obtained from the said Auditor of Public Accounts, in a number of cases there is but a small portion of the amounts due for the years above recited, on a final settlement, from said collectors; and whereas, it is represented to this House by said Auditor, that the bringing of suits against them, would in many instances, be attended with costs to the State and counties: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the Auditor of Public Accounts be, and he is hereby authorised and required to suspend the commencement of suits against such delinquent tax collectors, until the 25th day of March next; and that he be required to give notice to said delinquent collectors, that all who fail to collect and pay over the taxes due for the aforesaid years, 1842 and '43, on or before the 25th day of March aforesaid, suits shall immediately thereafter be commenced and prosecuted against them and their securities for all balances so due.

Said preamble and resolution were read and adopted.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Boyakin from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act authorising administrators and executors from other States to prosecute suits in this State," reported the same back to the House with an amendment which was read and concurred in.

Mr. Ross moved the indefinite postponement of the further consideration of the bill; which was not agreed to.

The bill was then

Ordered to a third reading.

And then the House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Secretary of State in reply to a resolution, calling for information relative to the number of commissions issued from his office; which was read.

On motion of Mr. Starne,

Said communication was referred to the committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Backenstos,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act to incorporate the city of Nauvoo;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Backenstos,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title; when,

Mr. Backenstos moved to refer the bill to a select committee of nine.

Mr. Thompson moved to refer the bill to the committee on Banks and Corporations; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Thompson and Parrish, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Brinkley, Burnett, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hannaford, Harper, Henderson, Hitt, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Logan, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, Thompson, Turley, White of Scott, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—40.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Boyakin, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Dunbar, Hanson, Hardie, Harriott, Hendry, Herndon, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Loop, McDonald, Matthews, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morrill, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pickering, Pratt, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Tunnel, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Youngkin.—59.

The question was then taken on referring the bill to a select committee of nine, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Messrs. Backenstos, Harriott, Morrison, Hicks, Anderson of Lawrence, Jackson of Stark, Aldrich, Wilcox and Butler, be that committee.

Mr. Whiteside moved to reconsider the vote taken on the adoption of the resolutions reported from the committee on the Penitentiary on Saturday last; which was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Henderson,

Leave of absence, for one week, was granted to Mr. Haley, the representative from Warren county.

Mr. Loop, from the committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to authorize the Secretary of State to subscribe for certain periodical works."

And as correctly enrolled and this day laid before the Council of Revision, bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to incorporate Jubilee college;" and

"An act to authorize James Lawrence and James B. Anderson to collect certain taxes."

Bills of the following titles were severally read the third time, and passed, viz:

"An act for the collection of taxes in Perry county for the year 1843;"

"An act granting further time to make return of the number of scholars in township ten north, range eight east, in the county of Cumberland;"

"An act to limit the duties of public administrators;"

"An act to repeal an act, entitled 'An act for the benefit of Robert Rich-ey,' " approved February 6, 1835;

"An act to incorporate the Peoria Musical Association;"

"An act to change the name of the town of Newburgh, in Macoupin county, to Cummington;"

"An act in relation to the duties of Masters in Chancery;"

"An act to authorize the School Commissioner of Jo Daviess county to distribute school funds;"

"An act to authorize the School Commissioner of La Salle county to pay over certain moneys to the counties of Grundy and Kendall;"

"An act concerning the revenue;" and

"An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act relative to criminal jurisprudence.'"

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act limiting the power of taxation in the city of Chicago," was read the third time by the title, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act to legalize the sale of school lands in Adams county;" was read the third time by the title, and passed.

On motion of Mr. White of Washington,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act to legalize the

assessment of property and collection of taxes in the counties of Washington and Effingham," was read the third time by the title, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act to locate a State road from Batavia, in Kane county, to David Bennetts, in Du Page county," was read the third time by the title, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Robbins,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act for the removal of the seat of justice of Randolph county," was read the third time by the title, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act to incorporate the Georgetown Seminary in the county of Vermilion," was read the third time by the title, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act to amend 'An act to protect the canal lands against trespassers,'" approved March 4, 1837, and "An act to amend "An act entitled 'An act to protect the canal lands against trespassers,'" approved February 26, 1839, was read the third time by the title, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act to incorporate the Franklin Literary and Medical College of Illinois," was read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles of said bills be severally as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

The vote taken on the passage of a bill for "An act to authorize the school commissioner of La Salle county to pay over certain moneys to the counties of Grundy and Kendall," was reconsidered; when

Mr. Armstrong moved to amend said bill, by inserting after the word "approved," in the second section, the words "19th of February, 1841;" which was agreed to; and the bill as amended, passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act to amend the law in relation to divorces," was read the third time; when

Mr. Whiteside moved to lay the bill on the table until the fourth day of July.

Mr. Blair moved a call of the House; which was ordered; and, after some time spent therein,

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question was then taken on Mr. Whiteside's motion, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence and Hicks, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Fletcher,

Funkhouser, Hanson, Harriott, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, McDonald, Morris, Morrison, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Reed, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Starkweather, Stewart, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, Wagner, Whiteside, Wood, Woodburn and Zieber.—54.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Arenz, Blair, Brown, Churchill, Collins, Deskines, Emerson, Gregg, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Huffman, Janney, Jewell, Logan, Lott, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Robbins, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Strong, Warren, White of Washington, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—44.

A bill for "An act to limit the jurisdiction of justices of the peace," was read the third time; when

Mr. Henderson moved to lay said bill on the table; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Miller of Winnebago and Davis of Williamson, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Babbitt, Backenstos, Butler, Fletcher, Gregg, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Loop, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Morrison, Pickering, Pitner, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Wagner and Wilkinson—29.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Arcenz, Armstrong, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Logan, Lott, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Moore, Morris, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Starne, Turley, Vedder, Warren, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—72.

Mr. Emerson moved to amend the bill by adding the following proviso to the last section, viz:

"*Provided*, That justices of the peace may issue subpoenas and attachments for witnesses to any part of their respective counties, as now provided by law."

The question being taken on the adoption of said amendment, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Collins moved to amend the bill by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

"This act shall take effect, and be in force in three months after its passage."

Mr. Youngkin moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. Collins, and decided in the affirmative.

The bill, as amended, was then passed.

Mr. Armstrong moved to amend the title of the bill, by adding the words "in certain cases;" which was not agreed to.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion,
The House adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bergen.

Mr. Boyakin, from the committee on the Judiciary, appointed to superintend the revision and compilation of the laws, reported chapters 2, 3 and 7; which were read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the said chapters read the second time by their titles, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Strong presented the petition of Stivus and Trenchery; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Herndon presented the claim of R. S. Hilman; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Collins presented the petition of 208 citizens of Will county, praying for the passage of law to raise a revenue for the purpose of paying a portion of the interest on our State debts; which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the committee of the Whole House to which the revenue bill was referred.

Mr. Hitt presented the petition of 62 citizens of Whiteside and Ogle counties, praying the location of a State road from Fulton City in Whiteside county, via Wilson's Mills, to Oregon, in Ogle county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on State Roads.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Wynne, a Senator:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

"An act to incorporate the town of Tentopolis in the county of Effingham;" and

"An act to relocate part of a State road therein named."

In the passage of which, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Hanson presented the petition of 357 citizens of Coles county, praying the re-annexation of Cumberland county to Coles county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Cochran presented the petition of 65 citizens of Union county for the location of a State road; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on State Roads.

Mr. Cochran presented the petition of sundry citizens of Union county, praying for the incorporation of a literary institution at Western Sar-

atoga; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Morrille presented the petition of sundry citizens of Marshall, Putnam, La Salle and Livingston counties, praying the location of a State road therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on State Roads.

Mr. Morrille presented the petition of sundry citizens of the counties of McLean, Woodford, Marshall, Putnam and La Salle, praying the location of a State road therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on State Roads.

Mr. Scott of De Witt presented the petition of citizens of De Witt county, remonstrating against the annexation of Texas to the United States; which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Referred to the select committee to which other petitions on the subject of the annexation of Texas were referred.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago presented the petition of James Atkinson and 62 other citizens of Winnebago county, praying relief for said Atkinson; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Jackson of McHenry moved to suspend the rule; which was agreed to, and he introduced a bill for "An act to legalize certain official bonds;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion the rule was again suspended, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ross, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the Senate bill for "An act to enable former and late collectors of the revenue in the several counties of this State to collect any taxes remaining due and unpaid," reported the same back to the House with a substitute; which was read and concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Wilcox, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which were referred a bill for "An act to vacate the town plat of the town of Kingston," together with a petition on the same subject, reported them back to the House without amendment; the bill was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Collins, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred the Senate bill for "An act to re-locate the public square in the town of Plainfield, Will county, State of Illinois," reported the same back to the House without amendment, and recommended its passage; the bill was then

Ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Robbins, from the committee on Retrenchment, to which was referred a communication from the Auditor of Public Accounts on the subject of paying money for making tract books, made a report thereon detailing the facts; the report was read.

Mr. Ross, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill for "An act to vacate the plat of the town of Henryville, in Henry county;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The rule was suspended, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Logan, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to regulate practice in the Supreme and Circuit Courts," reported the same back to the House, and recommended its passage.

Ordered that the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Stewart, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a bill for "An act to authorize the construction of a toll bridge across the Illinois river," reported the same back to the House with sundry amendments; which were read.

Mr. Zieber called for a division so as to take the vote separately on the proposed amendments.

The question recurring on the first amendment,

Mr. Zieber moved that the bill and proposed amendments, be re-committed to the committee on Banks and Corporations; which was agreed to.

Mr. Jackson of Stark, from the committee on Counties, to which was referred a petition, reported a bill for "An act to extend the boundaries of Stark county;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Lott, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill for "An act to amend 'An act authorizing counties to give a bounty on Wolf scalps,'" approved February 15, 1843, reported the same back to the House, when,

Mr. Armstrong moved to amend the bill by adding after the word "court" at the end of the second line in the second section the following, viz:

"Or justice of the peace of the proper county."

On motion of Mr. Wood,

The main question was ordered; the amendment proposed by Mr. Armstrong was agreed to, and the bill, as amended, was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Jackson of McHenry, from the committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred a bill for "An act for the improvement of the navigation of Rock river," together with petitions on the same subject, reported the same back to the House with a substitute for said bill; which was read and concurred in, and the bill, as amended was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Lott, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to amend 'An act authorizing counties to give a bounty on Wolf scalps,'" approved February 15, 1843, reported the same back to the House, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject; when,

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

The bill was laid on the table until the 4th day of July next.

Mr. Collins, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred the Senate bill for "An act concerning Corporations," re

ported the same back to the House with sundry amendments; which were read and concurred in; when,

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The bill was further amended by adding the following proviso, viz:

"Provided, That nothing in this act contained, shall extend to either the State Bank of Illinois or the Bank of Illinois."

The bill as amended, was then

Ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred the Senate bill for "An act to incorporate the town of Golconda," reported the same back to the House, and recommended its passage, when the bill was

Ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Davis of McLean, from the committee on Education, to which was referred the bill for "An act to incorporate Ewing Seminary in the counties of White and Wayne," reported the same back to the House with amendments; which were read and concurred in, and the bill as amended was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Morris, from the committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred a bill for "An act concerning certain counties therein named," reported the same back to the House, with an amendment; which was read, and concurred in, and the bill, as amended, was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Thompson, from the committee on Elections, to which was referred a bill for "An act to provide for the election of a commissioner to take the enumeration of the inhabitants of the several counties of this State," reported the same back to the House with a substitute; which was read and concurred in, and

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Referred to the committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Dunbar, from the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, to which was referred the petition of Thomas Short, praying relief, reported a bill for "An act for the relief of Thomas Short of Vermilion county;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

The rule was suspended, and the bill read the second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Starne,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Campbell, Secretary of State.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to lay before the House of Representatives a written communication, transmitting to the House, the Illinois and Michigan canal report, made by the Hon. John Davis, to the Foreign Bond holders.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Massac county, praying for an act to incorporate Metropolis city in said county, reported a bill for "An act to incorporate Metropolis city."

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act concerning the rec^rds of the counties of Winnebago and Boon," reported the same back to the House with an amendment; which was read and concurred in, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Logan, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to amend the several laws of this State in relation to the duties of the Treasurer," reported the same back to the House, and recommended its rejection.

Mr. Morrison moved to amend the bill by adding the following proviso:

"*Provided*, That no money shall be retained in the Treasury, for the specific redemption of any warrants which have been, or may hereafter be issued more than twelve months, and not presented to the Treasurer for payment within that time; when,

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The bill and amendment was laid on the table, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Boyakin and Blair, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Arenz, Armstrong, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Brinkley, Burnett, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Strong, Thompson, Turley, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilkinson, Wood, Youngkin and Zieber—66.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Babbitt, Boyakin, Brown, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, McDonald, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Vedder, Wagner, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Woollard, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker—31.

Mr. Pickering moved to dispense with the rules for the purpose of taking up a communication from the Governor, relative to the report of Governor Davis and Capt. Swift; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Janney, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill from the Senate, for "An act for the relief Joseph L. Ruddick and Margaret Ruddick," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Whiteside, from the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, reported a bill for "An act to define the duty of county commissioner's courts;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Wilcox, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which had been referred a bill for "An act to authorize the school commissioners of Tazewell and McLean counties to pay over school moneys to the counties of Woodford and Mason, reported the same back with an amendment:

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

Said bill and amendment were referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Strong, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which had been referred a bill for "An act for the relinquishment by the State of Illinois to the city of Quincy of her right to the bed of the rail road as laid out through said city," reported the same back and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Miller of Fulton, from the committee on State Roads, to whom had been referred certain petitions from citizens of Bureau and Putnam counties, reported a bill for "An act to authorize the county commissioners of Putnam and Bureau counties to lease the ferry at Hennepin, and for other purposes;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from the select committee to which was referred a bill for "An act to amend 'An act to authorize St. Clair county to establish a ferry across the Mississippi river;'" when he reported said bill back, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Oglesby,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act to build a free bridge across Shoal creek, in Clinton county, Illinois;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Oglesby,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Starkweather,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from the select committee to which was referred a bill for "An act to improve the navigation of the Embarrass river, and for other purposes;" when he reported said bill back, with amendments; which were read and concurred in; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The Senate bill for "An act to alter and amend the law concerning interest on money and usury;" coming up in its proper order.

Mr. Davis of McLean moved a call of the House; which was ordered; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Robbins moved to dispense with further proceedings under the call; which was not agreed to.

The call was then proceeded in.

Pending the call, Mr. Sharp, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to authorize the person therein named to construct a mill dam," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Ross, on leave, offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That hereafter, on a call of the House, the names of absentees be entered on the journals, except members who may be sick, or absent on leave of absence of the House.

On motion of Mr. Morris,

The bill for "An act in relation to certain State roads therein named," was taken out of the orders of the day, and read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on State Roads.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, of McHenry,

The bill for "An act to incorporate the Chrystal Lake Academy in McHenry county," was taken out of the orders of the day, and read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act to define and establish the boundary lines of State street in the city of Chicago," was taken out of the orders of the day, and read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on the Canal and Canal Lands.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Wynne, a Senator.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed a bill for "An act requiring the county of Sangamon to pay over certain moneys."

In the passage of which the Senate ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The House then resumed the consideration of the Senate bill for "An act to alter and amend the law concerning interest on money and usury."

The question being on concurring with the committee of the whole on their proposed amendments,

Mr. Janney moved to lay said amendments on the table until to-morrow.

Mr. Deskines moved to lay the amendments on the table; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. HarJie and Hanson, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Babbitt, Benedict, Blair, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Harriott, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Moore, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Reed, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Starkweather, Starne, Turley, Vedder, White of Washington, Wilkinson, Woollard, Wood and Woodburn—52.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson, of St. Clair, Arenz, Backenstos, Barnsback, Boyakin, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Fletcher, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Logan, Loop, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Randolph, Rawlings, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—53.

Mr. Logan moved to amend the amendment proposed by the committee of Whole to the third section, by adding the following, viz:

“Provided, That it shall be lawful to receive and take interest on money actually loaned, not exceeding ten per cent. per annum; and in such cases, interest shall be recoverable at that rate.”

Mr. Davis, of Williamson, moved to lay said amendment on the table; which was agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Davis, of Williamson, and Turley, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Henderson, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, McDonald, Morris, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevost, Randolph, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Strong, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Woolard, Wood, Woodburn and Youngkin.—54.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Fletcher, Harper, Harriett, Herndon, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pratt, Rawlings, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Starne, Stewart, Tunnel, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—55.

Mr. Wilcox moved to amend the amendments proposed by the committee, by adding the following, viz:

“Provided, That it shall be legal to contract for interest at the rate of nine per cent. per annum, upon money actually loaned; and in such cases, interest may be recoverable at that rate.”

Mr. Benedict moved to lay said amendment on the table; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Wilcox and Davis, of Williamson, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Metz,

Miller of Adams, Morris, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Reed, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Turley, Vedder, White of Washington, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—53.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Fletcher, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Matthews, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, O'Connor, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Ross, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Thompson, Tunnel, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams and Yates—53.

Mr. Huffman moved to refer the bill and proposed amendments to a select committee of nine; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Dunbar moved to postpone indefinitely the amendment proposed by Mr. Wilcox; which was agreed to.

Mr. Hanson moved to amend the amendments proposed by the committee, by adding the following, viz:

“Provided, also, That hereafter the State shall pay the same rate of interest on the school, college, and Seminary fund as by this act is required to be paid by persons indebted for the purchase of school lands, and for moneys borrowed of School Commissioners or Treasurers of school funds in the several counties and townships in this State.”

Mr. Kuykendall moved the previous question; which was not agreed to.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. Hanson, and was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Hicks and Burnett, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Harriott, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Adams, Morris, Nye, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Starne, Turley, White of Washington, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—54.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Fletcher, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Logan, Loop, Matthews, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, O'Connor, Oglesby, Rawlings, Ross, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams and Yates.—52.

On motion,

The House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dresser.

Mr. Wilcox presented the remonstrance of 335 citizens of Woodford county, remonstrating against any change in the county lines of said county, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. O'Connor presented the petition of sundry citizens of McLean, Woodford, Marshall, Putnam and La Salle counties, for the location of a State road therein named, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Strong presented the petition of sundry citizens of Madison county, for an alternate session of court, to be held at Alton, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Smith, of Sangamon, presented the petition of James McConnel and others, to encourage the growth of fine wool, which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Manufactures.

Mr. Kirkpatrick presented the petition of sundry citizens of Montgomery county, praying relief for the persons therein named, which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Jackson, of McHenry, presented the remonstrance of certain citizens of De Kalb county, against the formation of a new county out of the counties of De Kalb, La Salle and Lee, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Wilcox presented the petition of sundry citizens of Tazewell and Woodford counties, praying for an alteration of the line between said counties, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Randolph presented the petition of Wm. A. Merritt, and others, of the county of Whiteside, and State of Illinois, praying for "An act to incorporate the Sterling Mills and Manufacturing Company, and for the improvement of the rapids of Rock river, at Sterling, in said county," which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Hick presented the petition of the citizens of Township 7, south, range 10, east, in the counties of Gallatin and White, praying for "An act to incorporate said township, and to have so much of the 16th section as is now unsold, re-valued," and for other purposes, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Nye presented the claim of John Merritt for articles furnished the volunteers in the late Hancock county disturbances; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Turley presented the petition of fifteen citizens of Shelby county, praying that a portion of said county be attached to Moultrie county; which was read, and on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Smith of Stephenson presented the petition of T. C. Ankeney and one hundred and twenty others, praying for a certain State road therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

On motion of Mr. Hicks,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and he introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk for the House of Representatives, be allowed to appoint an assistant to enable him to keep up with the business of the House.

Mr. Morrison moved to amend the resolution by adding the following proviso, viz: "*Provided* said assistant shall not cost more than one dollar per day;" which proviso was accepted by the mover of the resolution.

The resolution was then amended,

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

By adding the following: "and that he appoint William Hacker, at that price."

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

Mr. Warren presented the petition of two hundred and three citizens of Kane, Du Page and Cook counties, praying for a State road therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. White of Washington presented the petition of sundry citizens of Washington county, praying the passage of a certain law therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. White of Washington, Woodburn and Robbins be that committee.

Mr. White of Washington presented another petition on the same subject; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the same select committee to which the former petition on the same subject was referred.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

"An act for the benefit of the heirs of Jesse Moore, deceased;"

"An act to provide for cancelling Auditor's Warrants;"

"An act to authorise George H. Wood, Executor of William Wood, deceased, to convey certain lands therein mentioned to Godfrey Wilkins;"

"An act to authorise the erection of a mill dam in the Great Wabash river, in Wabash county;" and

"An act to amend 'An act in relation to free negroes and mulattoes, servants and slaves,' " in force 17th January 1827.

In the passage of which bills, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives, in the adoption of their preamble and resolution, directing the Attorney General to prepare a written argument in the case of the People against Richard Ecls, now pending in the Supreme Court of the United States; as amended by the Senate.

In which amendment they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Cushman, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of four hundred and three citizens of Quincy, praying for power to levy a tax for school purposes, reported a bill for "An act to amend the charter of the city of Quincy;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his motion, the rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Campbell, Secretary of State.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor, to lay before the House of Representatives a communication in writing.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred a bill for "An act to remove certain mill dams therein named," together with sundry petitions praying the removal of obstructions to the navigation of the Little Wabash river, reported the bill back, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

The bill was read; when

Mr. Emerson moved to amend the bill by adding the following, viz:

"*Provided*, That the said dams shall not be removed until the counties of Wayne, Clay, Effingham and Richland, shall pay into the State treasury, forty thousand dollars; that being the amount paid by the State for said mills and water power."

Mr. Funkhouser moved to lay said amendment on the table; which was agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Emerson and Hicks, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Henderson, Hendry, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stevenson, Starkweather, Starne, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Warren, White of Menard, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Youngkin and Zieber.—78.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Harriott, Hick, Moore, Ross, Wagner and White of Scott.—9.

The bill was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion, the House adjourned until two o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

A call of the House was ordered; when it appeared that the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Babbit, Backenstos, Barnsback, Blair, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Davis of Williamson, Emerson, Fletcher, Hardie, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Jewell, Logan, Manning, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pickering, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Wagner, White of Scott, White of Washington, Woollard, Yates and Zieber.—40.

On motion of Mr. Huffinan,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The Senate bill for "An act to alter and amend the law concerning interest on money and usury," coming up in its proper order,

Mr. Davis of McLean, moved a call of the House, which was ordered; when it appeared that the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Hicks, Hitt, Logan, Miller of Fulton, Morris, Scott of De Witt, Warren, White of Washington, Woollard and Yates.—13.

Mr. Miller of Adams, moved to dispense with further proceedings under the call, which was not agreed to, and the call was continued. After some further time spent therein,

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question then recurring on the adoption of the amendments proposed by the Committee of the Whole House, as amended, to the bill under consideration,

Mr. Parrish moved to postpone, indefinitely, the consideration of said amendments.

Mr. Morrison moved further to amend the committee's amendments, by adding the following, viz:

"Provided further, That twelve per cent. interest shall not be paid on the debt due the school fund from the State, unless the revenue is increased by additional taxation at this session of the Legislature, sufficient to pay said interest."

Mr. Logan moved to lay the bill and proposed amendments on the table; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, and Vedder, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Backenstos, Barnsback, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Fletcher, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Logan, Loop, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Rawlings, Ross, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilkinson and Zieber.—40.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

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Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Babbitt, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Harriott, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Morris, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Washington, Wilcox, Williams, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—68.

Mr. Deskines moved to lay the proposed amendments on the table; which was agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Davis of McLean, and Anderson of Lawrence, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Harriott, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Lott, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Morris, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Starne, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Washington, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn and Youngkin.—57.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Fletcher, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Loop, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrill, Morrison, Myers, O'Connor, Pickering, Randolph, Rawlings, Ross, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—51.

Mr. Logan moved to amend the bill by striking out "six per cent.," wherever it occurs, and inserting "eight per cent."

Mr. Benedict moved to lay said amendment on the table; which was agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Davis of McLean, and Davis of Williamson, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Babbitt, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hardie, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, McDonald, Metz, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Strong, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker.—58.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Backenstos, Barnsback, Blair, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Fletcher, Gregg, Hanson, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Logan, Loop, Manning, Matthews, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Pratt, Rawlings, Ross, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Stewart, Thompson, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber—54.

Mr. Thompson moved to amend the bill by adding the following, viz:

“The people of each and every county in this State, at their August election, in 1845, shall vote for, or against, reducing the rate of interest on their school fund, from twelve to eight per cent. per annum; and if a majority of the votes polled at said election should be in favor of said reduction, then the school commissioner of those counties wishing the reduction, shall so loan the money in their respective counties.”

Mr. Deskines moved the previous question, which was not agreed to.

Mr. Robbins moved to amend said amendment by adding the following, viz:

“That the State of Illinois shall hereafter pay eight per cent. per annum for all moneys borrowed by the said State of the college, school or seminary funds.”

Mr. Herndon moved to lay the proposed amendments on the table, which was agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Robbins and Thompson, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Harriott, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Adams, Morris, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Warren, White of Menard, White of Washington, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn and Youngkin.—62.

Those who voted in the negative, are.

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Babbitt, Brown, Burnett, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Fletcher, Gregg, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Logan, Loop, Manning, Matthews, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Rawlings, Robbins, Ross, Sherman, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—50.

Mr. Wood moved the previous question, which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Wood and Kuykendall, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Benedict, Brinkley, Butler, Campbell, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hanson, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of M'Henry, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, McDonald, Morris, Morrison, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Steele, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Washington, Wilcox, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker.—45.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Boyakin, Brown, Burnett, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of M'Lean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Ilitt, Huffman, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Logan, Loop, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Robbins, Ross, Sexton, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber.—66.

Mr. Starne moved to amend the bill by adding the following, viz:

"The legal voters in the several organized townships in this State, may, at their next August election, determine the rate of interest which shall be taken on their respective school funds; and the provisions of this act shall apply to back interest, and to contracts already made: *Provided*, the said rate of interest shall not exceed twelve, nor be less than six per cent.: *And provided*, that said rate may be changed by the said townships at their biennial elections of trustees."

Mr. Morrison moved to amend said amendment, by adding the following, viz:

"*And provided*, That when the parties in other contracts expressly agree upon an amount of interest not exceeding the rate of nine per centum per annum, it shall be legal, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding; and the several courts in this State are hereby required to give judgment accordingly."

Mr. Kuykendall moved to lay the proposed amendments on the table, which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Morrison and Thompson, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Campbell, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, McDonald, Morris, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Starkweather, Steele, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Washington, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—46.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Blair, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Fletcher, Gregg, Hardie,

Harper, Harriott, Hendry, Hitt, Huffinan, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Logan, Loop, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Rawlings, Ross, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates and Zieber—64.

Pending the question on the adoption of the proposed amendments,

On motion,
The House adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hale.

Mr. Huffinan presented the petition of Aquilla Branson and sixty-seven others, citizens of Vermilion county, praying for the abolishment of capital punishment; which was read, and on his motion referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Loop presented the petition of inhabitants of Boone county, praying an alteration in the law regulating the licensing of groceries and places for selling intoxicating drinks; which was read, and on his motion, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Loop, from the committee on Engrossed Bills reported as correctly engrossed, chapters, two, three, and seven, of the revision and compilation of the laws.

Mr. Jackson, of McHenry, presented the petition of 130 citizens of Kishwaka Precinct, in the county of McHenry, asking for the passage of a law authorizing the election of an additional magistrate and constable in said precinct; which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Williams presented the petition of sundry citizens of the county of Tazewell, praying to be attached to the county of Woodford; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Davis, of McLean, presented the petition of Margaret Miller of McLean county, praying to be divorced from her husband, Amos A. Miller, and the petition of Thomas Hare and others on the same subject; which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Anderson, of St. Clair, moved to suspend the rule to enable him to introduce a resolution; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Starkweather, from the committee on Engrossed bills, reported as correctly engrossed a bill for "An act to improve the navigation of the Embarrass river and for other purposes."

Mr. Armstrong presented the petition of Lovell Kimball, praying relief; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Canals and Canal Lands.

Mr. Jackson, of McHenry, presented the remonstrance of sixty-six citizens of Kishwaka Precinct, in McHenry county, against any additional

justice or constable in said precinct; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Campbell presented the petition of ten citizens of Wayne county, praying to be attached to Richland county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Campbell presented the remonstrance of one hundred citizens of Wayne county, against any division of said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Campbell presented the petition of sixty citizens of Wayne county, praying the removal of the mill-dams at Carmi and New-Haven; which, without reading, was, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. O'Connor presented the petition of sundry citizens of Bureau county for a new county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Cushman presented the remonstrance of seventy-four citizens of La Salle county, against any division of their county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Smith, of Stephenson, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Stephenson county, praying for an increase of tax for county purposes in said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Hanson presented the petition of four hundred and forty-nine citizens of Coles, Shelby, Moultrie and Cumberland counties, praying the formation of a new county; which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Aldrich presented the following protest, signed Joseph Smith, of Sangamon and Cyrus Aldrich; which was read, and

Ordered to be spread on the Journal, and is as follows, viz:

The undersigned would respectfully offer their reasons, and ask that they may be spread on the Journals, for dissenting from the action of the House on the 9th inst., on the resolution of Mr. Denning, instructing the select committee raised to enquire into the laws now in force, relating to negroes and mulattoes—to report against allowing them to vote at our elections and to intermarry with the white population.

They believed that said resolution was designed to embarrass the action of the committee and not to draw forth the opinion of the House on the abstract propositions embraced in it. Again, the instructions appeared to be confined to the petition from Sangamon county, only. A considerable number of the people of the State, had petitioned the Legislature in a respectful manner to modify or repeal certain laws creating distinctions between the white and black races.

The right to petition was undoubted, and the only question that could arise, was, as to the expediency of granting the prayer of the petitioners. The House had by a large majority decided to receive the petitions and refer them to an appropriate committee.

Why load down said committee with instructions? The House was not *bound* by any report, which the committee might choose to make. Again, why instruct the committee on a subject into which they could not enquire? The constitution precludes negroes from voting, and surely no one would contend that an act of the Legislature could override a part of the fundamental law.

One of the undersigned expressly stated to the honorable mover of the resolution, that he would vote for the last clause of his proposition, which declared it improper for blacks to intermarry with whites; provided, he would erase the first clause respecting negro suffrage, and he hoped that such a modification would have been made.

This was not done, but the House was required to vote at the same time on a subject matter, legitimately cognizable by it, with one over which it could exercise no supervision or control.

This, in the opinion of the undersigned, left them but one course to pursue.

They could not, consistently with their ideas of duty, lend themselves to the effect of such a resolution, which was to embarrass members in their votes, and the committee in its action.

The undersigned are in principle entirely opposed to extending the right of suffrage to the black population, and they would view with absolute loathing and abhorrence any serious attempt to allow of intermarriages between the two races.

Although they recognize the right of petition to its fullest extent, yet none can be more hostile to the radical doctrines of the abolitionists than themselves. They view the abolition movement in the United States as a political one, and they believe that it is inexpedient, unwise, contrary to the spirit of the constitution, revolutionary in its character, and can tend to no good result.

JOSEPH SMITH, of Sangamon.
CYRUS ALDRICH.

Mr. Hanson presented the petition of one hundred and ninety-five citizens of Coles county, praying for the change of a road therein named; which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the committee on State Roads.

On motion of Armstrong,

The rule of the House was suspended, and he introduced the following bill:

A bill for "An act to incorporate the Oswego Manufacturing Company;"

The rule being suspended, the bill was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading, and,

On his further motion, the rule was further suspended, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Hicks,

The rule was suspended, and he introduced a bill for an act entitled, "An act to legalize the assessment of taxable property in Perry county;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

The rule being further suspended the bill was read the second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The rule was again suspended, and the bill read the third time by its title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask there concurrence therein.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the petition of the county commissioners of Schuyler county, asking for an extension of time for completing the assessment of taxable property in said county, reported a bill for "An act extending the time for completing the assessment of taxable property in Schuyler county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Pitner, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a bill for "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Rushville,'" approved, March 2, 1839, reported the same back, without amendment and recommended its passage; when, the bill was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred the petition of Edward Doyle, praying for relief, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

Said petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Boyakin, from the committee on Federal Relations, to which were referred certain resolutions of the State of Massachusetts, relative to an amendment of the constitution of the United States, made a report thereon, accompanied by a preamble and resolutions, adverse to the proposed amendment of said constitution; which were read; when,

Mr. Morrison moved to amend the first resolution, by striking out the words "in unmeasured terms."

Mr. Strong moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. Morrison, and decided in the affirmative.

The preamble and resolutions, as amended, were then adopted.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a bill for "An act to incorporate the town of Belleville, in St. Clair county;" together with the petition of James Gibbons and three other citizens of Belleville, praying the incorporation of said town, reported the bill back, without amendment, and recommended its passage; when the bill was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dougherty, a Senator:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed a bill for "An act fixing the times of holding Circuit Courts in the third judicial circuit."

In the passage of which, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Lott, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill for "An act regulating the licensing of Groceries, &c;" reported the same back, and recommended its rejection.

The question was then taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, and decided in the negative.

Mr. Miller, of Fulton, from the committee on State Roads, to which was referred a bill for "An act to amend an act authorizing Charles G.

Eldridge to keep a ferry across the Mississippi river;" reported the same back and recommended its passage; the bill was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Anderson, of Lawrence, from the committee on Banks and Corporations to which was referred a bill for "An act declaring certain additions to the town of Manchester in Scott county vacated;" reported the same back to the House, with an amendment; which was read and concurred in; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Collins, from the committee on Retrenchment, to which was referred the petition of William Munday and forty-four others, citizens of Greene county, praying a reduction of the fees of State and county officers, &c., reported the same back to the House, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The petition was then laid on the table.

Mr. Davis, of McLean, from the committee on Education, to which was referred a bill for "An act to incorporate the Adelpia Theological Seminary;" reported the same back to the House, with a substitute; which was read, and concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Judd, a Senator.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have passed a bill for

"An act to establish the Cook county Court."

In the passage of which, the Senate ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Huffman moved to dispense with the rule, to enable him to introduce a resolution; which was not agreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Wynne, a Senator.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the adoption of certain resolutions providing for the reception of proposals for the leasing of the Penitentiary, and for changing the labor of the convicts imprisoned thereat.

Mr. Lott, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Adams county for an additional justice of the peace, reported a bill for "An act authorizing an additional justice of the peace and constable in said precinct in Adams county;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Manning, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Wm. Welsh, and 200 other citizens of Maconpin county, praying relief for the said Wm. Welsh, reported the same back to the House, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject; which was granted, and the petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Manning, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to amend an act defining and regulating proceedings in actions of ejectment," approved March 2, 1839, reported the same back to the House with an amendment; which was read and concurred in, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Strong, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred

a bill for "An act to authorize the commissioners of Mercer county to appropriate certain moneys for the erection of a court house," reported the same back to the House and recommended its rejection; the question on the engrossment of the bill was then taken, and decided in the negative.

Mr. Parrish, from the committee on claims to which was referred a bill for "An act authorizing the Board of Auditors to settle certain claims therein named," reported the same back to the House with an amendment; which was read and concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Vineyard, from the committee on Claims, to which was referred a bill for "An act for the relief of the heirs of Thomas W. Tanner, deceased," reported the same back to the House, and recommended its passage.

Ordered that the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Janney, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act in relation to re subpœnaing witnesses," reported the same back to the House, and recommended its rejection, the House refused to order the bill to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Miller of Fulton, from the committee on State Roads, to which was referred the petition of 303 citizens of Bureau county, praying that the petition of Hugh Feeney may be granted; reported the same back and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject; which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Pickering, from the committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred the petition of Joseph Cox, and others, reported a bill for "An act to authorize Joseph Cox, and others, to construct a mill dam on the Mississippi river;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Wilkinson, from the committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred the petition of John Foster, and others, reported a bill for "An act to authorize John Foster, and others, to construct a mill dam on the Mississippi river;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Lott, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to repeal an act, entitled 'An act to prevent cities and towns from issuing warrants to circulate as money, so far as relates to the city of Quincy,'" reported the same back to the House with an amendment; which was read, when,

Mr. Collins moved to amend the proposed amendment by adding the following, viz:

"*Provided*, That no warrant shall be issued for a less sum than five dollars to any person in part payment of a sum of money due from the said corporation, nor for any sum not actually due from the said corporation; and provided, that all warrants shall be made payable to the individual to whom the debt is due from said corporation."

Mr. Ross moved to refer the bill and amendments to the committee on Banks and Corporations; which was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Said bill and amendments were laid upon the table, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Miller of Adams and Prevo, as follows, viz:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St Clair, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Funkhouser, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Wilkinson, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn and Zieber—58.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Arenz, Butler, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Deskins, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Lockard, Logan, Lott, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Smith of Sangamon, Stewart, Strong, White of Menard, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Yates, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—43.

Mr. Strong, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred Senate bill for "An act to increase the jurisdiction of justices of the peace," reported the same back and recommended its rejection.

Mr. Boyakin moved to amend by striking out in the first section the words "and trespass to real estate."

Mr. Davis of McLean moved to lay said bill and amendment on the table; which was agreed to.

Mr. Manning, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes; when,

On motion,

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution; which was read and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the select committee to which was referred the communication from the Governor in relation to the supposed counterfeit internal improvement scrip be empowered to send for persons and papers, and to examine witnesses on oath.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Governor, received yesterday, transmitting reports of the expenses of the late expedition to Hancock county; which was read; when,

On motion of Mr. Arenz,

Said communication, together with the accompanying documents, were referred to the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Governor, received yesterday, transmitting a copy of the report of Gov. Davis and Capt Swift to the foreign bond-holders, concerning the Illinois and Michigan canal; which was read; when,

Mr. Pickering moved to lay the communication and report on the table, and print 1500 copies of the report, without the appendix; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Parrish and Brinkley, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Deskines, Fletcher, Gregg, Harriott, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Loop, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, O'Connor, Pickering, Pratt, Ricks, Ross, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Woollard, Woodburn, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker—44.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Lott, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Starne, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood and Zieber.—60.

Mr. Brinkley moved to refer the communication and report to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Armstrong moved to refer them to the committee on the Canal and Canal Lands.

Mr. Pickering moved to refer them to a select committee of three, with instructions to report a condensed statement of the principal facts contained in the report of Hon. John Davis and Capt. Swift respecting the Illinois and Michigan canal.

Mr. Robbins moved to lay said communication and report on the table; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Burnett moved to refer them to a select committee of nine.

The question being taken on Mr. Brinkley's motion of reference, it was decided in the negative.

The question being taken on Mr. Armstrong's motion, it was decided in the negative.

The question was then taken on Mr. Burnett's motion, and decided in the negative.

The question then recurring on Mr. Pickering's motion of reference to a select committee with instructions, it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Messrs. Pickering, Ross and Stewart, be that committee.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

"An act to authorize William Clapp and John Hodges to collect taxes;" and

"An act to authorize the acting Canal Commissioner to exchange certain lands with Jeremiah Crotty;"

In the passage of which, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have concurred with the House in their amendment to the bill for "An act for the relief of the securities of Richard J. Hill, deceased."

The Senate have also concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of bills of the following titles:

"An act to incorporate the Georgetown seminary in the county of Vermilion;"

"An act to authorize the school commissioner of Jo Daviess county to distribute school funds;" and

"An act limiting the power of taxation in the city of Chicago."

The latter bill, with an amendment, in which the Senate ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have also concurred with the House of Representatives in the adoption of their resolution requiring the Auditor to suspend the commencement of suits against certain delinquent tax collectors, until the 25th of March next.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Moore their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That both branches of this General Assembly adjourn, *sine die*, on Monday the 17th day of February.

In the adoption of which, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have passed chapters 1, 4 and 5 of "Revised Statutes."

In the passage of which, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate bill for "An act to alter and amend the law concerning interest on money and usury," came up in its proper order.

The question recurring on Mr. Morrison's motion to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Starne,

Mr. Deskines moved to postpone indefinitely the further consideration of said amendments; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Hanson and Blair, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Fletcher, Gregg, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Huffnan, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Logan, Loop, Manning, Matthews, Motz, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, O'Connor, Randolph, Rawlings, Ross, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates and Zieber.—55.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Morris, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of DeWitt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp,

Mr. Pickering moved to lay the communication and report on the table, and print 1500 copies of the report, without the appendix; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Parrish and Brinkley, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Deskines, Fletcher, Gregg, Harriott, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Loop, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, O'Connor, Pickering, Pratt, Ricks, Ross, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Woollard, Woodburn, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker—44.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Lott, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pinner, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Starne, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood and Zieber.—60.

Mr. Brinkley moved to refer the communication and report to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Armstrong moved to refer them to the committee on the Canal and Canal Lands.

Mr. Pickering moved to refer them to a select committee of three, with instructions to report a condensed statement of the principal facts contained in the report of Hon. John Davis and Capt. Swift respecting the Illinois and Michigan canal.

Mr. Robbins moved to lay said communication and report on the table; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Burnett moved to refer them to a select committee of nine.

The question being taken on Mr. Brinkley's motion of reference, it was decided in the negative.

The question being taken on Mr. Armstrong's motion, it was decided in the negative.

The question was then taken on Mr. Burnett's motion, and decided in the negative.

The question then recurring on Mr. Pickering's motion of reference to a select committee with instructions, it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Messrs. Pickering, Ross and Stewart, be that committee.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

"An act to authorize William Clapp and John Hodges to collect taxes;" and

"An act to authorize the acting Canal Commissioner to exchange certain lands with Jeremiah Crotty;"

Mr. Deskines moved to lay said amendment on the table; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Morris and Wood, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Babbitt, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Manning, McDonald, Metz, Morris, Nye, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn and Woollard—55.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson, of St. Clair, Arenz, Backenstos, Barnsback, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Fletcher, Gregg, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Logan, Loop, Matthews, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, O'Connor, Oglesby, Randolph, Rawlings, Ross, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—56.

Mr. Janney moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question was then taken on the motion made by Mr. Herndon to strike out sections three, four, five and six, of said bill, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Kuykendall and Hanson, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Fletcher, Gregg, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Logan, Loop, Matthews, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, O'Connor, Randolph, Rawlings, Ross, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—56.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Babbitt, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Harriott, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, McDonald, Metz, Morris, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn and Woollard—56.

Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—55.

Mr. Morrison moved to refer the bill and proposed amendments to a select committee of five; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Adams and Miller of Winnebago, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Fletcher, Gregg, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Logan, Loop, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pratt, Rawlings, Ross, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates and Zieber—51.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Harriott, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morris, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker—62.

Mr. Herndon moved to lay the amendment proposed by Mr. Starne on the table; which was agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Deskines and Wood, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Babbitt, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hardie, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, McDonald, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morris, Nye, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Starkweather, Steele, Strong, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Youngkin and Zieber.—59.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Backenstos, Barnsback, Blair, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Dunbar, Fletcher, Gregg, Hanson, Harper, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Loop, Lott, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, O'Connor, Oglesby, Rawlings, Ross, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Thompson, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates and Mr. Speaker—52.

Mr. Herndon moved to strike out the third, fourth, fifth and sixth sections of said bill.

Mr. Deskines moved to lay said amendment on the table; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Morris and Wood, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Babbitt, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Manning, McDonald, Metz, Morris, Nye, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn and Woollard—55.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson, of St. Clair, Arenz, Backenstos, Barnsback, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Fletcher, Gregg, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Logan, Loop, Matthews, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, O'Connor, Oglesby, Randolph, Rawlings, Ross, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—56.

Mr. Janney moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question was then taken on the motion made by Mr. Herndon to strike out sections three, four, five and six, of said bill, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Kuykendall and Hanson, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Fletcher, Gregg, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Logan, Loop, Matthews, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, O'Connor, Randolph, Rawlings, Ross, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—56.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Babbitt, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Harriott, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, McDonald, Metz, Morris, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn and Woollard—56.

The question was then taken on ordering the bill to a third reading, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Strong and Miller of Winnebago, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Benedict, Blair, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Harriett, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Morris, Myers, Nye, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevost, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Washington, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—59.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Boyakin, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Fletcher, Gregg, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Logan, Loop, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, O'Connor, Oglesby, Rawlings, Ross, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Yates and Zieber.—53.

On motion,

The House adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Edson.

Mr. Robbins presented the petition of certain citizens of Coles and Erskines' addition to the town of Chester, praying for a change of the name of said addition to that of Menard; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Robbins, Adams and Whiteside be that committee.

Mr. Ross presented the petition of ninety citizens of the counties of Fulton and Knox, praying for the repeal or modification of the laws in relation to colored persons; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the same select committee to which have been referred petitions on the same subject.

Mr. Starne presented the remonstrance of sixteen hundred and thirty-five citizens of Pike county, remonstrating against any division of said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Starne presented the petition of sundry citizens of Pike county, praying for an alteration in the license law; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Butler presented the petition of H. L. Putnam and others, praying for an act authorising them to divide and convey certain lands therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Leighton presented the petition of Robert Sans praying for divorce, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Harper presented the remonstrance of thirty-seven citizens of Wethersfield against any division of Henry county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Whiteside presented the memorial of James M. Morse, in relation to territorial and other records of Illinois; which was read, and on his motion, referred to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to examine the work referred to in said memorial and report the result to the House.

Mr. Nye, from the Committee on Engrossed bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act for the improvement of the navigation of Rock river."

Mr. Manning, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported Chapters 8, 11, 12, and 13; which, together with chapter 6, were read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Manning,

The rule was suspended, and the said chapters read the second time by their titles, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the Committee on Engrossed bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to remove certain mill dams therein named."

Mr. Vedder, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred the petition and papers of Thomas Brown for relief; reported a bill for "An act for the relief of Thomas Brown;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Logan presented the petition of Eli Cook and three hundred and thirty others, praying for the repeal of the charter of the city of Springfield; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Lott, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill for "An act to protect owners of wood yards against the illegal acts of steam boat masters and officers, reported the same back to the House without amendment, and recommended its passage; the bill was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a petition of James Atkinson for relief, reported a bill for "An act for the relief of Samuel Cunningham and James Atkinson;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Whiteside, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill for "An act to provide for the payment of the State debt," reported the same back to the House, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill, which was granted; and the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred the bill for "An act to amend 'An act to incorporate the Alton Marine and Fire Insurance Company,'" approved Feb. 7, 1835, and to the various supplements thereto, reported the same back with various amendments; which were read and concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Logan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to define and protect the rights of married women," reported the same back to the House, and recommended its rejection.

Mr. Hicks moved to lay the bill upon the table; which was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Benedict and Aldrich as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Barnsback, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Cochran, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Fletcher, Hardie, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Morris, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Randolph, Scott of Macoupin, Sherman, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilkinson and Mr. Speaker.—43.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Campbell, Churchill, Cox, Deskines, Emerson, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hanson, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Hitt, Huffman, Janney, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lott, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Warren, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates and Zieber.—61.

Mr. Robbins moved to amend the bill by adding the following proviso, viz:

"Provided, nothing in this act shall be so construed as to exempt either real or personal property, acquired by the wife after marriage, from execution for debts of her husband, when such property is acquired either directly or indirectly by conveyance from her husband."

Mr. Aldrich moved to refer the bill and proposed amendment to a select committee.

Mr. Yates moved to lay the bill and proposed amendment on the table; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Deskines and Vineyard, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Barnsback, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Cochran, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Fletcher, Hardie, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Manning, Metz, Moore, Morris, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith

of Sangamon, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Wagner, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilkinson and Mr. Speaker.—49.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Campbell, Churchill, Cox, Deskines, Emerson, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hanson, Harper, Huffman, Janney, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lott, McDonald, Matthews, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Myers, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Vedder, Vineyard, Warren, White of Washington, Wilcox, Williams, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates and Zieber.—50.

The question was then taken on the motion of reference to a select committee, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Messrs. Aldrich, Ross and Benedict be that Committee.

On motion,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Pratt moved to dispense with the rule, and take out of the orders of the day a bill for "An act extending the limits of Cass county."

The question being taken on said motion, there appeared to be no quorum present; when

Mr. Kuykendall moved a call of the House, which was ordered; when it appeared that the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Babbitt, Campbell, Cochran, Funkhouser, Gregg, Herndon, Jackson of McHenry, Kirkpatrick, Leighton, Logan, Manning, Morrison, O'Connor, Pickering, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Strong, White of Scott, Whiteside and Woollard.—25.

Mr. Deskines moved to dispense with further proceedings under the call, which was not agreed to, and the call was further continued; when

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question was then taken on the motion made by Mr. Pratt, and decided in the affirmative; when

Mr. Rawlings moved to postpone indefinitely the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Pratt moved a call of the House, which was ordered; when it appeared that the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Aldrich, Dunbar, Jackson of Starke, Loop, McDonald, Morrille, Sherman and Whiteside.—8.

On motion of Mr. Nye,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question was then taken on the indefinite postponement of the bill under consideration, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Matthews and Yates, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Barnsback

Churchill, Cochran, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Emerson, Fletcher, Hansen, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Robbins, Ross, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Turley, Warren, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams and Yates.—40.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of Lawrence, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lott, Manning, Miller of Fulton, Morris, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Reed, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Tunnel, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—60.

Mr. Yates moved to amend said bill, by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting the following in lieu thereof, viz :

“The people of Morgan county, shall, at the election in August next, to be holden in said county, proceed to vote in the same manner as in voting for Representatives of the General Assembly, for and against adding the territory of the three miles to Cass county. The judges of the election shall give 20 days' notice of the time and place of holding said election, and particularly specifying in said notice, that portion of Morgan county to be stricken off by this act. Said notices shall be posted up at nine public places, and also published in some newspaper of said county. The judges of the election shall open a poll book at each election precinct, in which they shall rule two columns, in one of which they shall set down the votes given in favor of the addition of said territory to Cass county, and in the other column, the votes against the same ; and the said judges of the election shall conduct the election, and make their returns to the clerk of the county commissioner's court of Morgan county, in the same manner as is now provided for by law. And if a majority of all the votes given at said election, shall be in favor of the proposed addition to Cass county, a certificate thereof shall be made by the said Clerk, under the seal of said court, and transmitted by him to the secretary of State, to be filed in his office as evidence of the addition of said territory to Cass county; and the said clerk shall likewise file of record in his office said certificate, and transmit a copy of the same to the clerk of the county commissioner's court of Cass county, and the said clerk shall file the same of record in his office, and all of said certificates shall be evidence of the facts therein stated.”

Mr. Pratt moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table, which was agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Yates and Arenz, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hardie, Hick, Hicks, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick,

Kuykendall, Lott, Manning, Miller of Fulton, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Tunnel, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Mr. Speaker.—55.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Churchill, Collins, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Hanson, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Hitt, Huffinan, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Myers, Pickering, Randolph, Rawlings, Robbins, Ross, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Vedder, Warren, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates and Zieber —43.

Mr. Arenz moved to amend the bill, by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting the following in lieu thereof, viz:

“The people of Morgan and Cass counties shall, at the next August election to be holden in said counties, vote for or against the addition of the proposed territory of the three miles to Cass county. The judges of the election in the counties of Morgan and Cass shall give twenty days' previous notice of the time and place of holding said election, particularly describing the proposed territory; and the said election shall be conducted in all respects as is now provided for the election of members of the General Assembly; and the returns of said election shall be transmitted to the clerk of the county commissioner's court of the county of Morgan, in the same manner as is now provided in the election of members of the Legislature. And if a majority of the legal voters of the two counties shall vote in favor of the proposed addition to Cass county, the clerk shall make a certificate thereof, and file the same in his office, and also transmit a copy of said certificate to the secretary of State, and to the clerk of the county commissioners' court of Cass county, to be filed in their respective offices; and the said certificates shall be evidence of the facts therein stated.”

The question on the adoption of the proposed amendment was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Yates and Deskines, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Barnsback, Churchill, Cochran, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Myers, Pickering, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Robbins, Ross, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Warren, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber.—46.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of Law'ce, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lott, Manning, Miller of Fulton, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Reed, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Starkweather, Starne, Tunnel, Vedder, Vine-

yard, Wagner, White of Mernard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Mr. Speaker.—51.

Mr. Starne moved the previous question, which was agreed to.

The question was then taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, and decided in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Constable, a Senator.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of a bill for "An act to legalize the assessment of property, and collection of taxes, in the counties of Washington and Effingham."

The Senate have passed a bill for "An act for the relief of Thomas S. Brockman, late collector of Brown county."

In the passage of which, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Sexton,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to inform this House for what amount Messrs. Ryan and Oakley gave bond, or whether any, while acting as commissioners for the last two years.

On motion,

The House adjourned.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Richmond.

Mr. Bradley presented the petition of eight hundred and fifty citizens of Jackson and Randolph counties, praying the formation of a new county out of parts of said counties; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Jackson, of McHenry, presented the petition of N. B. Spalding, Sheriff of Kane county, praying for relief; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Logan presented the petition of George R. Weber and others, praying an act of incorporation for Springfield Lodge, number four, of free and accepted masons; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Lott, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to exempt certain property from execution or other process, and for other purposes;" reported the same back to the House, and recommended its rejection.

Mr. Logan moved to amend the bill by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

"Be it further enacted, That if any family has not two cows and calves there shall be allowed to it, the value thereof in other property."

Mr. Thompson moved to amend the proposed amendment by adding the following, viz:

"There shall be allowed to each family forty acres of land, exempt from execution; which shall be the Homestead."

Mr. Hicks moved the indefinite postponement of the amendment and the amendment to the amendment; when,

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The main question was ordered.

The question was then taken on the amendment to the amendment, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Thompson and Hicks, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Babbitt, Campbell, Fletcher, Funkouser, Hanson, Janney, Morris, Pickering, Reed, Ross, Thompson, Vineyard, White of Scott, and Woollard.—16.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Gregg, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Tunnel, Turley, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—84.

The question was then taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Logan, and decided in the affirmative.

The question recurring on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Thompson and Hanson, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Collins, Cox, Deskines, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Hanson, Harper, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Leighton, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Morris, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Starkweather, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wood, Woodburn and Woollard—55.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Blair, Butler, Churchill, Cochran, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Hannaford, Hardie, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Jackson of Stark, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Lott, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Myers, Nye, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnel, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—46.

A message from the Council of Revision, by Mr. Hawley, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to say that the Council of Revision has approved bills of the following titles, viz:

“An act to incorporate Jubilee College;”

“An act to authorize James Lawrence and James B. Anderson to collect certain taxes.”

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed Chapters nine and ten of “Revised Statutes.”

In the passage of which, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Thompson, from the committee on Elections, to which was referred a bill for “An act further to amend an act, entitled ‘An act regulating elections,’” reported the same back to the House, and recommended its rejection. The question was then taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, and decided in the negative.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill for “An act for the relief of Jefferson Murphy, late a Collector of Christian county,” reported the same back with an amendment; which was read and concurred in; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Miller of Fulton, from the committee on State Roads, to which was referred the petition of Lucius Wells and others, for permission to establish a ferry across the Mississippi river at Hampton. Rock Island county, reported a bill for “An act to authorize Lucius Welles to keep a ferry across the Mississippi river;” which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Bradley,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from the select committee to which was referred a bill for “An act to authorize the collection of the taxes of Jackson county for the year 1842;” when he reported said bill back, with an amendment; which was read, and concurred in; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Zieber, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill for “An act to authorize the county commissioners’ court of Peoria county, to levy a special tax, for the purpose of building a jail;” which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Zieber,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and re-committed to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Henderson, from the committee on Elections, to which was referred the petition of Richard Robley and thirty-three other citizens of Greene county, praying the revision of the election laws, reported a bill for “An act to amend ‘An act concerning elections;’” which was read; when,

Mr. Kuykendall moved to lay the bill on the table until the fourth day of July.

Mr. Wood moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question was then taken on ordering the bill to a second reading, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Hardie and Kuykendall, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adrich, Arenz, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Churchill, Cochran, Cushman, Deskines, Emerson, Fletcher, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Lockard, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, O'Connor, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Warren, White of Washington, Wilcox, Williams and Yates—43.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Barnsback, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hanson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Logan, Lott, Manning, Metz, Morris, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Prevo, Ricks, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wood, Woollard, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—50.

Mr. Anderson, of Lawrence, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Rock Island University;'" approved, January 18th, 1840; reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Parrish, from the committee on Claims, to which was referred a bill for "An act to provide for the payment of moneys herein named;" reported the same back, with an amendment; which was read, and concurred in.

Mr. Cochran moved to lay the bill on the table; which was agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Cochran and Turley, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Barnsback, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of M'Lean, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of M'Henry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Lockard, Logan, Manning, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morris, Myers, Parrish, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ross, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Strong, Turley, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilkinson, Woollard, Yates and Zieber.—52.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hick, Janney, Kuykendall, Loop, McDonald, Morrille, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Pitner, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Sherman, Starne, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnel, Vedder, Vineyard, Wag-

ner, Warren, White of Washington, Wilcox, Williams, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker.—42.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Campbell, Secretary of State.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to lay before the House of Representatives certain communications in writing.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Fulton,

Leave of absence, until Wednesday next, was granted to Mr. Harriott, the Representative from the county of Jersey.

On motion,

The House adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bergen.

Mr. Robbins presented the petition of sundry citizens of Randolph and Jackson counties, praying the location of a State road therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on State Roads.

Mr. Benedict, from the Joint Committees of the two Houses on the Judiciary, reported chapters nineteen and twenty-two of "Revised Statutes;" which were read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Manning,

The rule was dispensed with, and the chapters read the second time by their titles, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from a select committee; when he reported from the select committee to which had been referred a resolution on the subject of the re-annexation of Texas to the United States, reported a series of resolutions in favor of the re-annexation of Texas to this Union; which were read; when,

On motion of Mr. Herndon,

The previous question was ordered.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the resolutions, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows, on the call of Messrs. Gregg and Turley:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hannaford, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lott, Manning, Miller of Adams, Morrille, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Maconpin, Sexton, Sherman, Starkweather, Starne, Steele, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, War-

ren, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—67.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Barnsback, Churchill, Davis of McLean, Emerson, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Myers, Rawlings, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams and Yates.—28.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles, viz:

“An act to protect owners of wood yards against the illegal acts of steamboat masters and officers;”

“An act to amend ‘An act to incorporate the Alton Marine and Fire Insurance Company,’ approved, February 7th, 1835, and of the various supplements thereto;”

“An act to authorize the collection of the taxes of Jackson county for the year, 1842;”

“An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Rock Island University,’ approved, January 18th, 1840.

Mr. Miller, of Adams, presented the petition of sundry citizens of this State for the improvement and encouragement of the growth of fine woolled sheep; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Agriculture and Manufactures.

Mr. Funkhouser presented the remonstrance of one hundred and nine citizens of Fayette county, protesting against any division of said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the same select committee, to which were referred petitions, praying for a division of said county.

Mr. Jackson, of Stark, presented the petition of citizens of La Salle county, praying the town plat of Enterprise may be vacated; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Myers presented the petition of one hundred and thirteen citizens of Woodford county, praying for a change of the line between Tazewell and Woodford counties; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Steele, presented the petition of citizens of Perry county, praying the repeal or modification of the laws in relation to persons of color; which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Bradley,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Lockard presented the petition of William Brian and sixty-five others, inhabitants of township 11, north of range 11 west, in Clark county, praying that certain sales of school lands in said township may be legalized; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Zieber presented the petition of one hundred and sixty-eight citizens of Peoria, praying an amendment of their charter, giving them power to construct water works and supply the inhabitants with water;

which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Starkweather presented the petition of William Jones, Sen. and fifty others, praying for the re-annexation of Cumberland to Coles county, and for other purposes; which without reading, was on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Hannaford presented the petition of citizens of Peoria county, praying the re-sale of school lands; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Janney presented the petition of seventy-five citizens of Crawford county, praying for a State road therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on State Roads.

Mr. Parrish presented the petition of Lyon & Howard, of Lewis county, State of New York, praying for the payment of arrears of interest, due them from the State of Illinois, and the cancelling of the debt, by the issue of bonds or other State indebtedness; which, was read, and, on his motion, referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Logan, presented the claim of Jones, Bacon & Co. for materials furnished the State; which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Wood presented the remonstrance of fifty-five citizens of Carlinville, Macoupin county, against any division of said county; which was read, and, on his motion, laid on the table.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate, respectfully to request the House of Representatives, to return to the Senate, the bill some days since passed by the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize Hannah G. Sharp, to keep and maintain a ferry across the Mississippi river at Warsaw."

Mr. Burnett presented the petition of sundry citizens of Gallatin county, for the re-valuation of certain school lands therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Morrille presented the petition of sundry citizens of township thirty-one north, two west of the third principal meridian, relative to schools lands; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Morrille presented the remonstrance of sundry citizens of Marshall county, against any division of said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Rushville,' " approved, March 2, 1839;

"An act authorising the Board of Auditors to settle certain claims therein named;"

"An act to build a free bridge across Shoal creek in Clinton county;"

"An act to incorporate the Adelpia Theological Seminary;"

"An act extending the limits of Cass county;"

"An act for the relief of the heirs of Thomas W. Tanner, deceased;"

"An act to exempt certain property from execution or other process, and for other purposes;" and

"An act for the relief of Jesse Murphy, late a collector of Christian county."

Mr. Aldrich presented the petition of William H. Bradley, and one hundred and sixty-four other citizens of Joe Daviess county, praying an alteration of the license laws; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Miller, of Winnebago, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Winnebago county, relative to certain animals therein named; which was read.

Mr. Miller, of Winnebago, moved to refer the petition to the committee on Agriculture and Manufactures.

Mr. Deskines moved its reference to a select committee.

The question was then taken on the motion to refer said petition to the committee on Agriculture and Manufactures, and decided in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of a bill for "An act to incorporate the Franklin Literary and Medical College of Illinois."

Mr. Aldrich presented the petition of Nathan Lee, of Cook county, praying for relief; which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the committee on Canal and Canal Lands.

Mr. Smith of Stephenson presented the petition of one hundred and nine citizens of Carroll county, praying for an increase of tax for county purposes in said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Logan, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to legalize the assessment of the property in Menard county for the year 1844," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Benedict, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, reported a bill for "An act to vacate a certain town plat therein named;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Cochran moved to dispense with the rule, and take up the Senate resolution, providing for the adjournment, *sine die*, of the present General Assembly; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Zieber, from the committee on Finance, to which was re-committed a bill for "An act to authorize the county commissioners' court of Peoria county to levy a special tax for the purpose of building a jail," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Hanson, from the committee on Counties, to which were referred petitions and remonstrances of sundry citizens of the counties of Pike, Adams, and Marquette, relative to the formation of a new county out of parts of said counties, reported a bill for "An act to create the county of Orange;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title; when,

On motion of Mr. Blair,

Said bill was re-committed to the committee on Counties.

On motion of Mr. Cox,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act authorizing a sale of seminary lands in Champaign county;" which was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cox,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a bill for "An act to incorporate the Oswego Manufacturing Company," reported the same back, with sundry amendments; which were read and concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Leighton, from the committee on State Roads, to which was referred the petition of G. W. Finch, and others, of Morgan county, praying for a State road, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was granted; when,

On motion of Mr. Leighton,

Said petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Hardie, from the committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of Thomas C. King, for compensation for services in executing an Executive writ, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Hardie,

Said petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Logan, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act in relation to the records of Sangamon county," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Woodburn, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a bill for "An act to extend the corporate powers of the town of Peoria," reported the same back, with sundry amendments; which were read and concurred in; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

"An act for the relief of Wilson Rea and John Golden;"

"An act to perfect the apportionment of school funds to Will county;"

"An act to legalize the acts of deputy recorders in certain cases, and to provide for their appointment;"

"An act authorizing David Anderson to keep a ferry across the Kaskaskia river;"

"An act for the relief of the securities of Thomas Hayden;"

"An act to legalize the location of the county seat of Woodford county, and to change the name of the county seat thereof;" and

"An act concerning estrays."

The Senate have also passed chapters 17, 18 and 20 of Revised Statutes.

In the passage of which several bills and chapters, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Hitt, from the committee on Counties, to which was referred petitions and remonstrances of sundry citizens of Henry county, relative to a division of said county, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Hitt,

Said petitions and remonstrances were laid on the table.

Mr. Warren, from the committee on Counties, to which was referred a bill for "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to apportion the representation of the several counties of this State,'" approved February 26, 1841, reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Logan, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act in relation to criminal jurisprudence," reported the same back, with an amendment as a substitute; which was read, and concurred in; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Robbins, from the committee on Counties, to which was referred a bill for "An act to extend the boundary lines of the county of Effingham, reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Boyakin, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to reduce the number of Supreme Judges to four, and for other purposes," reported the same back without amendment, and a majority of said committee recommended its rejection.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading,

On motion,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and he introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on Claims be, and they are hereby authorized to send for persons and papers and swear witnesses.

Mr. Gregg moved that the House now resolve itself into the committee of the Whole House for the consideration of a bill for "An act regulating the assessment and collection of the public revenue."

On motion of Mr. Henderson,

A call of the House was ordered; when it appeared that the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Babbitt, Backenstos, Bradley, Cushman, Hick, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Logan, Matthews, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Smith of Stephenson and Yates—19.

Pending the call,

Mr. Lott, on leave, introduced the following resolution; which was read and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Engrossing Clerk be authorized to employ Mr. Brayman's assistance in copying the chapters of his compilation as passed by the House.

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule was further dispensed with, and he, on leave, introduced the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Doorkeeper be authorized to employ such assistance as he may find necessary for the performance of the duties of Doorkeeper during the absence of his regular assistant on duty.

The resolution was read; when

Mr. Herndon moved to amend the resolution by adding the following proviso:

"That said assistant should not receive more than one dollar and fifty cents per day."

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The amendment was laid on the table, and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Loop, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act concerning the records of the counties of Winnebago and Boone."

Mr. Huffinan, by leave of the House, called up from the orders of the day a bill for "An act to organize a school district in the county of Vermilion;" the bill was read the second time; when,

On motion of Mr. Tunnel,

The bill was amended by adding the following proviso:

Provided, That the school commissioner of Greene county be authorized to pay the treasurers of township eleven north, eleven west, and township twelve north, twelve west, out of the interest for 1845, on the school, college and seminary fund, the amount of money due the inhabit-

ants last year, and not paid on account of the said treasurer not reporting the census in a legal manner."

The bill, as amended, was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of bills of the following titles:

"An act to change the name of the town of Newburgh, in Macoupin county, to Cummington;"

"An act granting further time to make return of the number of scholars in township ten north, range eight east, in the county of Cumberland;"

"An act to incorporate the Peoria Musical Association;" and

"An act to authorize the school commissioner of La Salle county to pay over certain moneys to the counties of Grundy and Kendall."

On motion of Mr. Davis of Williamson,

Further proceeding under the call of the House was dispensed with, and the question was taken on the motion for the House to resolve itself into the committee of the Whole, and decided in the affirmative;

And after some time spent in the consideration of the bill the committee rose, and by their chairman, Mr. Lott, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again upon said bill; which was granted.

On motion,

The House adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dresser.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

A call of the House was ordered, when it appeared that the following members were absent:

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Backenstos, Blair, Bradley, Cochran, Cox, Gregg, Hick, Janney, Leighton, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, O'Connor, Sexton, Tunnci, Vedder, White of Scott and Yates.—25.

Pending the call, the Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Governor, in answer to a resolution of the House, on the subject of taking bond of Messrs. Oakley and Ryan, while acting as commissioners for the last two years; which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

Laid on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House another communication from the Governor, transmitting joint resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, against the repudiation of State debts, which was read, and

Mr. Huffman moved to refer to the Committee on Federal Relations, which was not agreed to.

Mr. Strong moved to refer the communication to the same Select

Committee, to which similar subjects have been referred, on the same subject.

Mr. Logan moved the following instructions to the Select Committee, viz :

“To inquire and report whether in all cases a State is bound to recognize her Great Seal as sufficient and conclusive evidence of obligation.”

The question was then taken on referring the communication with the instructions, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Engrossed bills, reported as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles, viz:

“An act to incorporate Ewing Seminary in the counties of White and Wayne;”

“An act to amend ‘An act to authorize St. Clair county to establish a ferry across the Mississippi river;’”

“An act to amend ‘An act authorizing Charles G. Eldridge to keep a ferry across the Mississippi river;’”

“An act to vacate the town plat of Kingston;”

“An act declaring certain additions to the town of Manchester, Scott county, vacated;”

“An act to amend ‘An act authorizing counties to give a bounty on wolf scalps,’” approved February 15th, 1843;

“An act to amend ‘An act defining and regulating proceedings in actions of ejectment,’” approved March 2d, 1839;

“An act to regulate practice in the supreme and circuit courts;”

“An act concerning certain counties therein named;”

“An act for the relinquishment by the State of Illinois to the city of Quincy, of her right to the bed of the rail road as laid out through said city.”

He also reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, a bill for ‘An act to permanently locate the county seat of the county of Alexander.’”

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Strong presented the memorial of citizens of Alton and vicinity, on the subject of a change of labor in the penitentiary; 638 names for, and 2 names against; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the Penitentiary.

Mr. Huffman presented the petition of Uriah McMillan, and 68 others, voters in the county of Vermilion, praying for the repeal of certain laws in relation to persons of color, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Select Committee, to which other petitions on the same subject were referred.

Mr. Hanson presented the petition of 28 voters of Coles county, praying for the formation of a new county, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Vineyard presented the petition of citizens of townships twelve and thirteen, of range 8, E. praying to be attached for school purposes, which was read, and, on his motion, referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Vineyard, Kuykendall and Cochran, be that Committee.

Mr. Morrille presented the petition of citizens of Putnam, remonstrating against a State road in Bureau, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Jewell presented the remonstrance of 265 voters of De Kalb county, against a division of said county, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Turley presented the remonstrance of eighty-eight citizens of Shelby county, against a change of a certain State road therein named, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Turley, Funkhouser and Hanson, be that Committee.

Mr. Wagner presented the petition of sundry citizens of township twenty-six, north of range fourteen west, Iroquois county, praying for an act authorizing them to re-value their school land, and to sell the same, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Smith of Stephenson, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Ogle and Carroll Counties, praying for the re-annexation of a part of Ogle county to the county of Carroll, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Arenz presented the remonstrance of 452 citizens of Morgan county against all divisions of said county, which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Yates,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Loop, from the committee on Enrolled bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, a bill for

An act to legalize the assessment of property and collection of taxes in the counties of Washington and Effingham."

Mr. Miller of Winnebago, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Winnebago county, relative to the navigation of Rock river, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and he introduced a bill for "An act to locate a State road therein named," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

The rule being further dispensed with, the bill was read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on State Roads.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of St. Clair,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for: "An act to prevent trespassing on real and personal property," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Herndon,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act to secure the public money, and to provide for punishment in cases of embezzlement," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Denning presented the petition of sundry citizens of Alexander county, praying for a road therein named, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Logan presented the petition of Jacob C. Roll and others, praying relief, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Manning,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and he reported from the Joint Committee on the Judiciary, chapter 25 of Revised Statutes, which, on his motion, was read the first time by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and the chapter read the second time by its title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

The rule was further dispensed with, and the chapter read the third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Butler,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act to authorize the School Commissioner of Lake county to dispose of depreciated bank bills," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading; and

On his motion, the rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from the Committee on the Canal and Canal Lands; when he reported back, without amendment, a bill for "An act to define and establish the boundary lines of State-street, in the city of Chicago," and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Smith of Stephenson, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Carroll County, praying an extension of time for laying off school districts, in said county, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Davis, of McLean, moved to dispense with the rule, and take from the orders of the day, a bill for "An act for the relief of James M. Jones, of Gallatin county," which was not agreed to.

A bill for "An act to reduce the number of Supreme Judges to four, and for other purposes," coming up for consideration,

Mr. Ross moved to lay said bill on the table.

Mr. Hicks moved a call of the House, which was ordered; when it appeared that the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Aldrich, Bradley, Funkhouser, Kirkpatrick, Leighton, Matthews and Sherman.—7.

Mr. Nye moved to dispense with further proceedings under the call, which was not agreed to.

Pending the call,

Mr. Ross, on leave, from the Committee on Federal Relations, to which were referred Resolutions of the Legislature of Maine, relative to the Military Academy at West Point, in the State of New York, reported the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Legislature, the Military Academy at West Point, in the State of New York, ought to be abolished, and a plan of military instruction adopted that will be impartial in its operation, and consistent with the spirit and genius of our liberal institutions.

Resolved, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to oppose any further appropriations for the support of said Academy.

Resolved, That the Governor of this State cause to be transmitted a copy of the foregoing resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and to the Governors of the several States of the Union.

The question being taken on the adoption of the resolutions, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Logan and Ross, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Babbitt, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Hannaford, Hanson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevost, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sherman, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Warren, White of Mernard, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Mr. Speaker.—70.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Backenstos, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of Stark, Leighton, Logan, Metz, Miller of Adams, Moore, Myers, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Wagner, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams, Yates and Zieber.—32.

Mr. Davis of Williamson, moved to dispense with the further proceedings under the call; which was not agreed to. Pending the call,

Mr. Ross, on leave, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill for "An act to liquidate a portion of the public debt," reported the same back, with an amendment, as a substitute, which was read; when,

On motion of Mr. Starne,

Further proceedings under the call of the House were dispensed with.

The House then resumed the consideration of the bill for "An act to reduce the number of Supreme Judges to four, and for other purposes."

The question recurring on the motion made by Mr. Ross, to lay said bill on the table, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Hicks and Lott, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of Lawrence, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Gregg, Hannaford, Hardie, Hendry, Hick, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sherman, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Tunnel, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Mr. Speaker—56.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Bradley, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Hanson, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Hicks, Hitt, Huffinan, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Myers, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Steele, Thompson, Turley, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams, Yates and Zieber.—51.

The House then resumed the consideration of the bill reported from the Committee on Finance during the pendency of the call.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment proposed by the committee,

Mr. Pickering moved to lay the bill and proposed amendment on the table; which was agreed to by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Pickering and Kuykendall, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Morris, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Steele, Thompson, Turley, Vineyard and Wood.—54.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Hannaford, Harper, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Leighton, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morrille, Rawlings, Ricks, Ross, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Starne, Stewart, Tunnel, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Woodburn, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—49.

Mr. Logan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act authorizing the Governor to appoint commissioners," &c., reported the same back, and recommended its rejection; when,

On motion of Mr. Davis of Williamson,
Said bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Robbins, from the select committee to which was referred a resolution of the House, relative to the defalcation of Milton H. Wash, made the following report, viz:

The select committee, to which was referred a communication from the State Treasurer, in answer to a resolution adopted by the House of Representatives, requiring him to inform the House whether the defalcation that was made in the office of the State Treasury, in the year 1842, by a deposit of false warrants, amounting to three thousand three hundred and nine dollars and thirty-seven cents, in the State Bank of Illinois, made by Milton H. Wash, then in the employ of the Auditor of Public Accounts, has ever been paid into the treasury, beg leave to report: That they have had the same under consideration; and in reference to the loss sustained by the State in consequence of the said defalcation, find that the same amounts to the actual value of three thousand three hundred and nine dollars and twenty-seven cents in State securities; for the Bank, at a settlement made subsequently to the said defalcation, would have paid the State, in State securities, the precise amount of the said defalcation, more than she *did* pay, were it not for that defalcation.

It appears further to your committee, that there is in the hands of the then Auditor, and of the present State Treasurer, sufficient effects of the said Wash to pay the State a part of the amount of the said defalcation. The State Treasurer has proposed to your committee, that he will pay the whole amount of the said defalcation on or before the first day of December next, with interest from the time the said defalcation was made; provided the State will receive the same in State securities.

Your committee would recommend that the Legislature accede to the proposition of the State Treasurer; and for this purpose, offer for adoption the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein: That the Governor be, and hereby is, authorized to receive the obligation of the State Treasurer for the payment, to the State, of three thousand three hundred and nine dollars and twenty-seven cents, in State securities, with interest from the first day of January, 1843, (the same being the amount of the defalcation made in the State treasury by Milton H. Wash;) which obligation shall be secured with good personal security, and taken within thirty days from the adoption of this resolution; and that the payment of the said obligation shall fully cancel the defalcation aforesaid.

The question was taken on the adoption of the resolution, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered. That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Benedict, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which were referred petitions and remonstrances of citizens of Kishwackie precinct, in McHenry county, relative to the election of an additional magistrate

and constable in said precinct, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

Said petitions and remonstrances were laid on the table.

Mr. Miller of Fulton, from the Committee on State roads, to which were referred a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act authorising the erection of a bridge across Rock river at Rockford,' approved February 27, 1843," and the petition of the bridge committee of Rockford, Winnebago county, on the same subject, reported the bill back, with an amendment, which was read and concurred in; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Logan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners in other States to take acknowledgments of deeds and other writings, and depositions, and for other purposes," reported the same back, and recommended its rejection.

The question was then taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, and decided in the negative.

Mr. Boykin, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of the citizens of Prairie du Rocher, in Randolph county, to protect the commons attached to said town from trespass, reported a bill for "An act for the protection of, and summary mode of recovery for trespass committed upon the commons of Prairie du Rocher;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Dunbar, from the Committee on the Canal and Canal Lands, to which was referred the petition of Lovell Kimball, praying for relief, reported a bill for "An act for the relief of Lovell Kimball;" which was read, and

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Mr. Yates, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act legalising certain records in Greene county, and authorising recorders to appoint deputies in certain cases,'" in force January 24, 1843, reported the same back, with amendments; which were read, and concurred in; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Cushman, from the Committee, on Finance, to which was referred a bill for "An act providing for funding the debt of La Salle county, and for the payment of the interest thereon," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Mr. O'Connor moved to amend said bill, by adding the following as an additional section:

"Sec. 5. The voters of the said county of La Salle shall, at the August election in the year 1845, vote for or against the provisions of this act; and if a majority of the voters are in favor thereof, then this act shall take effect; otherwise it shall be of no force."

The question being on the adoption of said amendment, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. O'Connor and Funkhouser; when,

On motion,
The House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

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On motion of Mr. Gregg,

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The rule was dispensed with, and the Senate bill for "An act to enable former and late collectors of the revenue in the several counties of this State to collect any taxes remaining due and unpaid," was taken from the orders of the day, read the third time as amended, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in the amendment of the House to said bill.

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Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Nye,

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On motion of Mr. Hicks,

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session, was granted to Mr. Steele, the Representative from the county of Perry.

On motion,

The House then adjourned.

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Prayer by the Rev Mr. Hale.

On motion of Mr. Hick,

Leave was given to Messrs. Hick, Ross, Boyakin, Logan and Collins to be absent from the House during the day on business as a select committee on the subject of the Bank of Illinois at Shawneetown.

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Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have passed a bill for "An act to incorporate the Rock River Dam and Bridge Company, and to improve the navigation of said river."

In which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The bill for "An act providing for funding the debt of La Salle county, and for the payment of the interest thereon," with the amendment offered by Mr. O'Connor on yesterday, which was pending when the House adjourned, coming up for consideration, Mr. O'Connor withdrew his amendment, and moved to amend the bill by striking out the word "eight," before the words "per centum," wherever it occurs in the bill, and insert the word "seven," in lieu thereof.

The proposed amendment was agreed to, and the bill as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Benedict, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of the County Commissioners' Court of Cook county, for an alteration of laws therein referred to, reported the same back to the House and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, which was granted.

On his motion, the petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Arnold, from the Committee on Canals and Canal Lands to which was referred the petition of Stephen Forbes, reported a bill for "An act to authorise Stephen Forbes to construct a dam across the Des Plaines river in Cook county;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Lott presented the petition of three hundred and eighty-seven citizens of Marquette and Pike counties, praying for a new county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Lott presented the petition of eighty-seven citizens of Marquette praying for a new county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Robbins, from the Committee on Counties, to which was referred the petition of sixty-three citizens of Knox county, praying to be attached to the county of Stark, reported the same back to the House, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof: which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Hannaford, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of citizens of Putnam county, reported a bill for "An act to incorporate the Mt. Palatine Academy;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Morrille,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Manning, from the Joint Committee of the two Houses on the Judiciary, reported chapters 36, 38, 39 and 52, of Revised Statutes; which were read the first time by their titles, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Manning,

The rule was dispensed with, and the chapters read the second time by their titles, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the chapters read the third time by their titles, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the message from the Senate requesting the return to the Senate of a bill for "An act to authorise Hannah G. Sharp to keep and maintain a ferry across the Mississippi river at Warsaw," was taken up, and

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The Clerk was directed to return said bill to the Senate.

Mr. Jackson of McHenry, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred the bill for "An act concerning the Sangamon river," with various petitions on the same subject, reported them back to the House, and recommended the passage of the bill.

The bill was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Stewart, from the Committee on Canals and Canal Lands, to which was referred the petition of Jeremiah Crotty, for relief, reported a bill for "An act entitled 'An act to authorise the Canal Commissioner to pay certain moneys to Jeremiah Crotty;'" which, was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Davis of McLean, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred a bill for "An act to incorporate Crystal Lake Academy in McHenry county," reported the same back with sundry amendments; which were read and concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Benedict, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Louisa Morris, praying for a divorce, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to: when

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

Said petition was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hicks,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act for the relief of Jefferson county;" which was read.

The question was then taken on ordering the bill to a second reading, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Deskines and Miller of Adams, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Babbitt, Benedict, Blair, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of Mellenry, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Knykendall, Leighton, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Miller of Winnebago, Morris, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Pickering, Pratt, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Warren, Whiteside, Williams, Woodburn, Woollard and Yates.—59.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Arenz, Arnold, Barnsback, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Emerson, Hannaford, Hendry, Herndon, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Lockard, Manning, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morrille, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo. Randolph, Scott of De Witt, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Wagner, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—36.

Mr. Strong, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Stevens & Trenchery, praying relief, reported a bill for "An act for the relief of Stevens & Trenchery;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Benedict, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of John Parker and others, praying for a divorce. reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

Said petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Manning, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill for "An act to enable the several townships in Knox county to receive their shares of the school funds when such townships have neglected to return the number of children therein;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Manning,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Manning, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a resolution instructing said committee to report a bill to prohibit Judges of the Supreme Court from sitting in causes which have been appealed from their own decision, reported a bill for "An act concerning practice in the Supreme Court; which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Backenstos, from the Committee on Counties, to which was referred a bill for "An act relating to town plats therein named," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage; when the bill was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to legalize certain official bonds," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage; when the bill was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Jackson of McHenry,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed,

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Warren, from the Committee on Counties, to which were referred petitions and remonstrances of sundry citizens of La Salle, Lee and De Kalb counties, praying the formation of a new county, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Said petitions and remonstrances were laid on the table.

Mr. Hitt, from the Committee on Counties, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Ogle county, praying the change of the lines of said county, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when

On motion of Mr. Hitt,

Said petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Blair, from the Committee on Counties, to which was recommitted a bill for "An act to create the county of Orange," reported the same back, with sundry amendments; which were read, and concurred in; when

Mr. Metz moved to postpone indefinitely the further consideration of said bill.

Mr. Blair moved a call of the House, which was ordered; when it appeared that the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Davis of McLean, Huffman, Loop, Matthews, Sexton, Wagner, White of Menard and Zieber.—9.

On motion of Mr. Starne,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question recurring on the motion made by Mr. Metz, to postpone indefinitely the further consideration of the bill, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Blair and Metz, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Barnsback, Churchill, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Hardie, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Pickering, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Smith of Sangamon, Tunnel, Turley, Vineyard, Warren, White of Scott, Wilkinson and Yates.—31.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of St. Clair, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hanson, Hicks, Hitt, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Morris, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Vedder, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Mr. Speaker.—62.

The bill, as amended, was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion, the House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Oglesby,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act to authorise the County Commissioners' Court of Jefferson county to establish an additional justice's district in said county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Oglesby,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Sharp,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from the select committee to which were referred petitions, relative to the navigation of Spoon river; when he reported a bill for "An act supplemental to 'An act to incorporate the Spoon river Navigation Company,'" approved March 3, 1837; which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sharp,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

A call of the House was ordered; when it appeared that the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Backenstos, Blair, Bradley, Collins, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Fletcher, Hick, Hicks, Logan, Manning, Matthews, Miller of Fulton, Myers, Ricks, Sherman, Stewart, Strong, Vineyard, Woollard and Yates.—26.

Pending the call,

Mr. Kuykendall, on leave, from the select committee to which was referred a bill for "An act to repeal certain acts therein named," reported the same back, with an amendment; which was read, and concurred in; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Boyakin, on leave, from the select committee to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Marion county, relative to a change in the Great Western mail route, reported a bill for "An act to relocate a part of the Great Western mail route;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to extend the boundary lines of the county of Effingham;"

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to apportion the representation of the several counties of this State,'" approved Feb. 26, 1841;

"An act relative to criminal jurisprudence;" and

Chapter 12 of Revised Statutes.

Mr. Loop, from the Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to incorporate the town of Belleville, in St. Clair county;" and reported, as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, a bill for "An act to permanently locate the county seat of the county of Alexander."

Mr. Lockard, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act in relation to the school fund of Clark county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Lockard,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

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On motion of Mr. Benedict,

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Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have passed a bill for "An act to incorporate the Rock River Dam and Bridge Company, and to improve the navigation of said river."

In which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The bill for "An act providing for funding the debt of La Salle county, and for the payment of the interest thereon," with the amendment offered by Mr. O'Connor on yesterday, which was pending when the House adjourned, coming up for consideration, Mr. O'Connor withdrew his amendment, and moved to amend the bill by striking out the word "eight," before the words "per centum," wherever it occurs in the bill, and insert the word "seven," in lieu thereof.

The proposed amendment was agreed to, and the bill as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Benedict, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of the County Commissioners' Court of Cook county, for an alteration of laws therein referred to, reported the same back to the House and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, which was granted.

On his motion, the petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Arnold, from the Committee on Canals and Canal Lands to which was referred the petition of Stephen Forbes, reported a bill for "An act to authorise Stephen Forbes to construct a dam across the Des Plaines river in Cook county;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Lott presented the petition of three hundred and eighty-seven citizens of Marquette and Pike counties, praying for a new county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Lott presented the petition of eighty-seven citizens of Marquette praying for a new county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Robbins, from the Committee on Counties, to which was referred the petition of sixty-three citizens of Knox county, praying to be attached to the county of Stark, reported the same back to the House, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof: which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Hannaford, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of citizens of Putnam county, reported a bill for "An act to incorporate the Mt. Palatine Academy;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Morrille,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Manning, from the Joint Committee of the two Houses on the Judiciary, reported chapters 36, 38, 39 and 52, of Revised Statutes; which were read the first time by their titles, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Manning,

The rule was dispensed with, and the chapters read the second time by their titles, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the chapters read the third time by their titles, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the message from the Senate requesting the return to the Senate of a bill for "An act to authorise Hannah G. Sharp to keep and maintain a ferry across the Mississippi river at Warsaw," was taken up, and

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The Clerk was directed to return said bill to the Senate.

Mr. Jackson of McHenry, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred the bill for "An act concerning the Sangamon river," with various petitions on the same subject, reported them back to the House, and recommended the passage of the bill.

The bill was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Stewart, from the Committee on Canals and Canal Lands, to which was referred the petition of Jeremiah Crotty, for relief, reported a bill for "An act entitled 'An act to authorise the Canal Commissioner to pay certain moneys to Jeremiah Crotty;'" which, was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Davis of McLean, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred a bill for "An act to incorporate Crystal Lake Academy in McHenry county," reported the same back with sundry amendments; which were read and concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Benedict, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Louisa Morris, praying for a divorce, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to: when

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

Said petition was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hicks,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act for the relief of Jefferson county;" which was read.

The question was then taken on ordering the bill to a second reading, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Deskines and Miller of Adams, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Babbitt, Benedict, Blair, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of Mellenry, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Knykendall, Leighton, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Miller of Winnebago, Morris, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Pickering, Pratt, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Warren, Whiteside, Williams, Woodburn, Woollard and Yates.—59.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Arenz, Arnold, Barnsback, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Emerson, Hannaford, Hendry, Herndon, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Lockard, Manning, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morrille, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Scott of De Witt, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Wagner, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—36.

Mr. Strong, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Stevens & Trenchery, praying relief, reported a bill for "An act for the relief of Stevens & Trenchery;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Benedict, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of John Parker and others, praying for a divorce. reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

Said petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Manning, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill for "An act to enable the several townships in Knox county to receive their shares of the school funds when such townships have neglected to return the number of children therein;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Manning,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Manning, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a resolution instructing said committee to report a bill to prohibit Judges of the Supreme Court from sitting in causes which have been appealed from their own decision, reported a bill for "An act concerning practice in the Supreme Court; which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Backenstos, from the Committee on Counties, to which was referred a bill for "An act relating to town plats therein named," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage; when the bill was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to legalize certain official bonds," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage; when the bill was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Jackson of McHenry,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed,

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Warren, from the Committee on Counties, to which were referred petitions and remonstrances of sundry citizens of La Salle, Lee and De Kalb counties, praying the formation of a new county, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Said petitions and remonstrances were laid on the table.

Mr. Hitt, from the Committee on Counties, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Ogle county, praying the change of the lines of said county, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when

On motion of Mr. Hitt,

Said petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Blair, from the Committee on Counties, to which was recommitted a bill for "An act to create the county of Orange," reported the same back, with sundry amendments; which were read, and concurred in; when

Mr. Metz moved to postpone indefinitely the further consideration of said bill.

Mr. Blair moved a call of the House, which was ordered; when it appeared that the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Davis of McLean, Huffman, Loop, Matthews, Sexton, Wagner, White of Menard and Zieber.—9.

On motion of Mr. Starne,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question recurring on the motion made by Mr. Metz, to postpone indefinitely the further consideration of the bill, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Blair and Metz, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Barnsback, Churchill, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Hardie, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Pickering, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Smith of Sangamon, Tunnel, Turley, Vineyard, Warren, White of Scott, Wilkinson and Yates.—31.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of St. Clair, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hanson, Hicks, Hitt, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Morris, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Vedder, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Mr. Speaker.—62.

The bill, as amended, was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion, the House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Oglesby,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act to authorise the County Commissioners' Court of Jefferson county to establish an additional justice's district in said county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Oglesby,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Sharp,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from the select committee to which were referred petitions, relative to the navigation of Spoon river; when he reported a bill for "An act supplemental to 'An act to incorporate the Spoon river Navigation Company,'" approved March 3, 1837; which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sharp,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

A call of the House was ordered; when it appeared that the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Backenstos, Blair, Bradley, Collins, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denring, Fletcher, Hick, Hicks, Logan, Manning, Matthews, Miller of Fulton, Myers, Ricks, Sherman, Stewart, Strong, Vineyard, Woollard and Yates.—26.

Pending the call,

Mr. Kuykendall, on leave, from the select committee to which was referred a bill for "An act to repeal certain acts therein named," reported the same back, with an amendment; which was read, and concurred in; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Boyakin, on leave, from the select committee to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Marion county, relative to a change in the Great Western mail route, reported a bill for "An act to relocate a part of the Great Western mail route;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to extend the boundary lines of the county of Effingham;"

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to apportion the representation of the several counties of this State,'" approved Feb. 26, 1841;

"An act relative to criminal jurisprudence;" and

Chapter 12 of Revised Statutes.

Mr. Loop, from the Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to incorporate the town of Belleville, in St. Clair county;" and reported, as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, a bill for "An act to permanently locate the county seat of the county of Alexander."

Mr. Lockard, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act in relation to the school fund of Clark county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Lockard,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Metz moved to postpone indefinitely the further consideration of said bill.

Mr. Blair moved a call of the House, which was ordered; when it appeared that the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Davis of McLean, Huffman, Loop, Matthews, Sexton, Wagner, White of Menard and Zieber.—9.

On motion of Mr. Starne,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question recurring on the motion made by Mr. Metz, to postpone indefinitely the further consideration of the bill, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Blair and Metz, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Barnsback, Churchill, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Hardie, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Pickering, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlins, Smith of Sangamon, Tunnel, Turley, Vineyard, Warren, White of Scott, Wilkinson and Yates.—31.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of St. Clair, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hanson, Hicks, Hitt, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Morris, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Vedder, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Mr. Speaker.—62.

The bill, as amended, was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion, the House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Oglesby,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act to authorise the County Commissioners' Court of Jefferson county to establish an additional justice's district in said county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Oglesby,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Sharp,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from the select committee to which were referred petitions, relative to the navigation of Spoon river; when he reported a bill for "An act supplemental to 'An act to incorporate the Spoon river Navigation Company,'" approved March 3, 1837; which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sharp,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

A call of the House was ordered; when it appeared that the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Backenstos, Blair, Bradley, Collins, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denring, Fletcher, Hick, Hicks, Logan, Manning, Matthews, Miller of Fulton, Myers, Ricks, Sherman, Stewart, Strong, Vineyard, Woollard and Yates.—26.

Pending the call,

Mr. Kuykendall, on leave, from the select committee to which was referred a bill for "An act to repeal certain acts therein named," reported the same back, with an amendment; which was read, and concurred in; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Boyakin, on leave, from the select committee to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Marion county, relative to a change in the Great Western mail route, reported a bill for "An act to relocate a part of the Great Western mail route;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to extend the boundary lines of the county of Effingham;"

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to apportion the representation of the several counties of this State,'" approved Feb. 26, 1841;

"An act relative to criminal jurisprudence;" and

Chapter 12 of Revised Statutes.

Mr. Loop, from the Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to incorporate the town of Belleville, in St. Clair county;" and reported, as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, a bill for "An act to permanently locate the county seat of the county of Alexander."

Mr. Lockard, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act in relation to the school fund of Clark county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Lockard,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the bill for "An act providing for the assessment and collection of the public revenue;" Mr. Lott in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose, and, through their Chairman, reported that they had had said bill under consideration, had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

The question was then taken on granting leave to the Committee to sit again, and decided in the affirmative; when

On motion,
The House adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Edson.

Mr. Herndon presented the petition of T. J. Burns, for services; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Blair presented the petition of seventeen citizens of Pike county, praying to be attached to the county of Adams, in case no new county be created out of the county of Pike, &c. by this General Assembly; which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Ross presented the petition of forty-five citizens of Fulton county, praying the passage of a law to refer the question of a removal of the county seat, to a vote of the people; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Ross, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed chapters 13, 16 and 17 of "Revised Statutes."

Mr. Smith, of Bureau, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Bureau county, praying for the passage of a law in relation to swine; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Manufactures and Agriculture.

Mr. Blair presented the remonstrance of forty-one citizens of Pike county, remonstrating against attaching a part of Pike county to the county of Adams; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Morris presented the petition of citizens of Jasper county, asking relief; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Starkweather, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to amend an act entitled, "An act legalizing certain records, in Greene county, and authorising Recorders to appoint deputies in certain cases;" in force, January 24th, 1843.

"An act supplemental to "An act to incorporate the Spoon River navigation Company;" approved, March 3d, 1837;

"An act to incorporate the Oswego Manufacturing Company;"

"An act to authorize the county commissioners court of Peoria county to levy a special tax, for the purpose of building a jail;"

“An act to extend the corporate powers of the town of Peru;” he also, reported as correctly engrossed chapters 8 and 19 of “Revised Statutes.”

On motion of Mr. Pickering,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for “An act providing for partial appropriations;” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his motion, the rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title.

Mr. Benedict moved to amend the bill by striking out “one hundred,” and inserting “fifty;” which was not agreed to.

Mr. Thompson moved to refer the bill to the committee on Finance; which was decided in the negative; the bill was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Pickering,

The rule of the House was again dispensed with and the bill read the third time by its title, and passed by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Starne and Cochran, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Armstrong, Backenstos, Barnsback, Blair, Bradley, Brinkley, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Leighton, Loop, Manning, Matthews, Meiz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Nye, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Rawlings, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, Tunnel, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wood, Woodburn and Woollard.—58.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Benedict, Brown, Burnett, Cochran, Cox, Davis of McLean, Emerson, Harriott, Hendry, Herndon, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Kuykendall, Lockard, McDonald, Myers, Oglesby, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Robbins, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates and Mr. Speaker.—40.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Williams presented the petition of one hundred and thirty-five citizens of the counties of Woodford and Tazewell, praying for an alteration of the line between said counties; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed a bill for “An act to incorporate the Crystal Lake Academy in McHenry county.”

Mr. Brown presented the petition of sundry citizens of township 2 north, 3 west, in Schuyler county praying relief; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Hanson presented the remonstrance of nine voters of Coles coun-

ty, against the re-annexation of Cumberland county to Coles county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Hanson presented the petition of about two hundred voters and citizens of Coles county, praying for the formation of new counties out of parts of the same; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Aldrich presented the petition of sundry citizens of Jo Daviess county, praying for the re location of a State road therein named; which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the committee on State Roads.

Mr. Miller, of Fulton, presented the petition of Daniel Hopkins and twenty-six others, citizens of Sangamon county, praying for the passage of a law, having for its object the encouragement of the growth of fine wool; which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the committee on Manufactures and Agriculture.

Mr. Wilkinson presented the petition of sundry citizens of Whiteside county, praying the repeal or amendment of the laws relative to colored persons; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the select committee to which was referred similar petitions.

Mr. Jewell presented the remonstrance of sixty-five voters of De Kalb county, against a division of said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Cushman presented the petition of sundry citizens of La Salle county, relative to the laws regulating fences, and allowing stock to run at large; which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the committee on Agriculture and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Scott of De Witt,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act to amend 'An act concerning wills,'" approved, January 23, 1829; which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to offer the following resolution; which was read, viz:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring hercin, That no new business shall be received into either branch of this General Assembly after Saturday the 15th day of this month; and that both Houses will adjourn *sine die*, on the first Monday of March next, at ten o'clock, A. M., or sooner, if the business shall be disposed of.

Mr. Nye moved to amend the resolution, by striking out the "first Monday of March next," and inserting "the 24th day of February."

Mr. Parrish moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. Nye, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Nye and Anderson of St. Clair, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St Clair, Barnsback, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown,

Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hannaford, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hicks, Jackson of Stark, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Nye, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Sexton, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Thompson, Turley, Vineyard, White of Menard, Wilkinson, Wood and Yates.—45.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Churchill, Cox, Cushman, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Fletcher, Gregg, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Hendry, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Myers, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Tunnel, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Woodburn, Woollard and Mr. Speaker.—58.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the resolution, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, and Miller of Fulton, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates and Mr. Speaker.—108.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Emerson, Fletcher, Herndon and Vineyard.—4.

On motion of Mr. Hardie,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to offer the following resolution; which was read, and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That, hereafter, the standing hour of adjournment shall be nine o'clock, A. M.

A message from the Council of Revision, by Mr. Hawley, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to say that the Council of Revision have approved bills of the following titles, to-wit:

"An act to permanently locate the county seat of the county of Alexander;" and

"An act to legalize the assessment of property and collection of taxes in the counties of Washington and Effingham."

Mr. Herndon presented the remonstrance of three hundred and forty-one citizens of Springfield, against the repeal of the city charter; which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

On motion Mr. Emerson,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to offer the following resolution; which was read, and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That Saturday next be set apart for the purpose of taking up, and disposing of the orders of the day.

The Speaker presented the petition of sundry citizens of the State, praying the repeal of the law relative to marriage licenses; which was read.

Mr. Dunbar moved to refer the petition to the committee on Agriculture and Manufactures.

Mr. Blair moved its reference to the committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Davis of McLean moved its reference to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Parrish moved its reference to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Boyakin moved its reference to the committee on Salines and Saline Lands.

Mr. Morris moved to lay the petition on the table; which was not agreed to.

The question was then taken on the motion of reference made by Mr. Dunbar, and decided in the negative.

The question was then taken on the motion made by Mr. Blair, and decided in the negative.

The question was then taken on the motion made by Mr. Davis of McLean, and decided in the negative.

The question was then taken on the motion made by Mr. Parrish, and decided in the negative.

The question was then taken on the motion made by Mr. Boyakin, and decided in the negative.

Mr. Hicks moved to refer the petition to the committee on the Canal and Canal Lands.

Mr. Morris moved to postpone the further consideration of the petition until the fourth day of July.

Mr. Reed moved its reference to the committee on Education.

Mr. Thompson moved its reference to a select committee.

Mr. Adams moved its reference to the joint committee on Change of Names.

Mr. Loop moved its reference to the committee on Internal Improvements.

The question was then taken on the motion of reference made by Mr. Hicks, and decided in the negative.

The question was then taken on the motion made by Mr. Reed, and decided in the negative.

The question was then taken on the motion made by Mr. Adams, and decided in the negative.

The question was then taken on the motion made by Mr. Loop. and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Arnold, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the petition of E. H. Mulford, and others, asking for the passage of a law enabling them to drain a marsh, reported a bill for "An act to drain a marsh in Grouse Point precinct in Cook county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Davis of McLean, from the committee on Education, to which was referred a bill for "An act for the transfer of certain school funds from the county of Sangamon to the county of Macon," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Robbins, from the committee on Counties, to which was referred a bill for "An act concerning Effingham county, and for other purposes," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its rejection; when,

On motion of Mr. Turley,

Said bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Fletcher, from the committee on Agriculture and Manufactures, to which was referred the petition of Green B. Larison, and one hundred and six others, praying the passage of a law prohibiting the killing of deer at certain periods of the year, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Fletcher,

Said petition was laid on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in their amendment to the bill for "An act to enable former and late collectors of the revenue in the several counties of this State to collect any taxes due and remaining unpaid."

The Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

"An act for the relief of Henry Castor and others;"

"An act to change the name of the town of Fairfield, in Pike county, to that of Pleasant Hill;"

"An act to legalize the acts of William E. Franklin, as notary public in Rock Island county;"

"An act concerning the town of Aurora in Kane county;"

"An act to save a portion of the revenue from being lost;" and

"An act to incorporate the Byron Hydraulic Company."

In the passage of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of a bill for "An act making partial appropriations."

Mr. Manning, from the joint committee on the Judiciary, reported

chapters 41, 42, 47, 49, 60, 65, 66 and 68, of Revised Statutes; which were read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Manning,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the chapters read the second time by their titles, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The rule of the House was further dispensed with and the chapters read the third time by their titles and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Blair, from the committee on Counties, to which was referred the petition of one hundred and eighty citizens of Ogle and Carroll counties, praying the re-annexation of a part of Ogle county to the county of Carroll, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Blair,

Said petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Boyakin, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act in relation to appeals," reported the same back to the House and recommended its rejection.

The question was then taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, and decided in the negative.

Mr. Bradley, from the committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Menard county, reported a bill for "An act vacating a certain street in Petersburg, Menard county;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Manning, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace and constables in replevin and forcible entry and detainer, and forcible detainer," reported the same back to the House with a substitute; which was read and concurred in, and the bill, as amended, was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to diminish costs in courts of law," reported the same back to the House, and recommended its rejection.

The question was then taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, and decided in the negative.

Mr. Ross, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision,

"An act to incorporate the Franklin Literary and Medical College of Illinois;"

"An act to incorporate the Georgetown Seminary in the county of Vermilion;"

"An act granting further time to make return of the number of scholars in township ten north, range eight east, in the county of Cumberland;" and

"An act to authorize the school commissioner of La Salle county to pay over certain money to the counties of Grundy and Kendall."

Mr. Manning, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to legalize the sale of property therein named," reported the same back to the House and recommended its passage; the bill was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Jackson of McHenry, from the committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to improve the navigation of the Rapids in Rock river at Rockford in the county of Winnebago, and to incorporate the Rockford Hydraulic and Manufacturing company,'" approved February 28, 1843, reported the same back to the House, with an amendment; which was read and concurred in, and the bill, as amended, was

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Winnebago,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in the amendments to said bill.

Mr. Vineyard, from the committee on Agriculture and Manufactures, to which was referred a bill for "An act for the re-weighing salt in the State of Illinois," reported the same back to the House without amendment, and recommended its passage.

The question recurring on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading,

Mr. Lockard moved to amend the 2d section by striking out all between the word "same" in the fourth line from the top of the section, to the word "shall," in the fifth line.

Before the question was taken, the House,

On motion,

Adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Boyakin asked leave to record his vote on the passage of the bill for "An act making partial appropriations," which passed the House this morning; which was not granted.

Mr. Nye, from the committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to incorporate the Peoria Musical Association;"

"An act to authorize the school commissioner of Jo Daviess county to distribute school funds;"

"An act to change the name of the town of Newburgh, in Macoupin county, to Cummington;" and

"An act providing for partial appropriations."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have passed chapters 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26 and 27, of Revised Statutes, and bills of the following titles:

"An act to locate a State road from Toulon, in Stark county, to Oquaka, in Henderson county;"

"An act to establish a State road from Columbiana, on the Illinois river, to John Andrew's cabinet shop, on the State road leading from Carrollton to Newport;"

"An act to legalize the transcribed records of Madison county, for lands situate in the county of McDonough;" and

"An act to incorporate the Henderson County Turnpike Road Company."

In the passage of which bills and chapters, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of bills of the following titles:

"An act for the collection of taxes in Perry county, for the year 1843;"

"An act to locate a State road therein named;" and

"An act for the removal of the seat of justice of Randolph county."

The latter bill, as amended by the Senate.

In which amendments, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The House resolved itself into the committee of the Whole on the bill for "An act regulating the assessment and collection of the public revenue;"

Mr. Lott in the chair; after some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, reported that they had had said bill under consideration, had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

The question was then taken on granting leave to the committee to sit again, and decided in the affirmative; when,

On motion,

The House adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Mr. Woollard, of the House.

On motion of Mr. Backenstos.

A call of the House was ordered, when it appeared that the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Arnold, Benedict, Bradley, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Denning, Fletcher, Gregg, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Logan, Miller of Fulton, Morrison, O'Connor, Prevo, Scott of De Witt, Sexton, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Strong, White of Menard, White of Washington, Yates and Zieber.—26.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Turley presented the remonstrance of two hundred citizens of Moultrie county, against any division of said county, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Starne presented the petition of sundry citizens of Pike and

Brown counties, praying the location of a State road, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Sharp presented the petition of P. S. Secor, and fifty-six others, citizens of Fulton county, praying an alteration of the license laws, which was read, and, on his motion referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions "to report upon this and other similar petitions that have been referred to said committee at as early a period as practicable, that the House may have time to act therein before the close of the session."

Mr. Davis of McLean, presented the petition of Minor W. Bishop, and seventy five others. inhabitants and legal voters of township twenty-two north range four east, praying that the interest on the school fund may be reduced to six per cent.; which was read, and, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Logan presented the petition of sundry citizens of Sangamon county, praying the repeal and modification of certain parts of the law relating to free negroes and mulattoes, which was read; when

Mr. Logan moved to refer the petition to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Manning moved its reference to the same select committee to which similar petitions had been referred.

The question was then taken on the motion of reference made by Mr. Logan, and decided in the negative.

The question was then taken on the motion made by Mr. Manning, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Collins presented the petition of trustees of schools and others, of township thirty-six north, of range eleven east, in Will county, concerning its school lands, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Wagner presented the petition of Pinckney Mabee, and others, citizens of Iroquois county, asking for relief, which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. O'Connor presented the petition of sixty-nine legal voters of La Salle county, praying that a part of said county be attached to the county of Kendall, which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from R. K. McLaughlin, register of the land office at Vandalia, relative to the abstracts of taxable lands furnished to the Auditor of Public Accounts, which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill for "An act for the re-weighing of salt in the State of Illinois," coming up in its proper order, and

The question recurring on the amendment proposed by Mr. Lockard, pending, when the House adjourned on yesterday, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Lockard and Prevost, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of St. Clair, Benedict, Bradley, Brinkley,

Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hendry, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Lockard, Metz, Miller of Adams, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Pickering, Pratt, Prevo, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Starkweather and Tunnel.—28.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnshack, Blair, Butler, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Kuykendall, Leighton, Loop, Manning, Matthews, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrison, Myers, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woodburn, Woollard, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—64.

Mr. Kuykendall moved to amend the third section of said bill, by striking out the word "saline," which was not agreed to.

Mr. Pickering moved to amend the third section of the bill, by adding, after the word "saline," the words "and Ohio," which was agreed to.

Mr. Stewart moved to amend the second section by adding after the word "fifty," the word "six," which was agreed to.

Mr. Stewart moved to amend the third section, by inserting before the word "saline," the word "Illinois," which was agreed to.

Mr. Burnett moved to amend the bill, by striking out the enacting clause.

Mr. Henderson moved to lay the bill on the table, which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Morris and Bradley, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Barnshack, Blair, Boyakin, Burnett, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Cushman, Denning, Emerson, Fletcher, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Kuykendall, Leighton, Loop, Manning, Matthews, Miller of Fulton, Morrison, Myers, Randolph, Rawlings, Ross, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Strong, Thompson, Turley, White of Menard, White of Scott, White-side, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams and Zieber.—40.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hanson, Hendry, Hitt, Huffman, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Lockard, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Tunnel, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Mr. Speaker.—54.

Mr. Funkhouser moved to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting the following in lieu thereof, viz:

"That any person who shall sell a bushel or more of salt in this State, and fail to give good and correct weight, shall be liable to be fined in any

sum not under one dollar, nor more than five, to be recovered before any justice of the peace in the proper county; one-half to go to the complainant, and the other half to be paid into the county treasury. This act to be in force from and after its passage, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mr. Vineyard moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table, which was agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Funkhouser and Davis of Williamson, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Cox, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hitt, Huffinan, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnel, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood and Woodburn.—73.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Armstrong, Arnold, Boyakin, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Cushman, Funkhouser, Hannaford, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Loop, Miller of Fulton, Morris, Pitner, Reed, Robbins, Sharp, Turley, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—23.

Mr. Cochran moved to lay the bill on the table until the fourth of July.

Mr. Kuykendall moved the previous question, which was agreed to.

The question then recurred on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading; when it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Blair and Kuykendall, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Bradley, Brown, Butler, Davis of Williamson, Hitt, Lockard, McDonald, Moore, Morris, Nye, Parrish, Pickering, Prevo, Robbins, Vineyard, Wagner, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker.—22.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Barnsback, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Davis of McLean, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lott, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Oglesby, Pitner, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Wood, Woollard, Yates and Zieber.—77.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the adoption of the accompanying preamble and resolutions, adopted by the Senate, proposing to tender to the people of Rhode Island, struggling against oppression, the sympathies of the people of Illinois, and in relation to the character of Thomas W. Dorr, and the existing Government of Rhode Island.

I am further directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have laid on the table until the 4th of July, a bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act supplementary to an act entitled 'An act relative to criminal jurisprudence;'" and have indefinitely postponed the consideration of a like bill, entitled "An act to limit the duties of Public Administrators."

On motion of Mr. Pickering,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act making partial appropriations;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Pickering,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title; when

Mr. Cochran moved to lay the bill on the table; which was not agreed to. The question was then taken on the passage of the bill, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Lott, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to encourage the apprehension of horse thieves," reported the same back, with a substitute as an amendment, which was read and concurred in; when

Mr. Boyakin moved to postpone indefinitely the further consideration of the bill as amended; which was not agreed to. The bill, as amended, was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Miller of Fulton, from the Committee on State Roads, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Schuyler and Cass counties, praying that R. & W. Wells may be granted the privilege of establishing a ferry on the Illinois river at Fredericksville, in Schuyler county, reported a bill for "An act to establish a ferry therein named;" which was read, and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Hannaford, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of a citizen of Peoria county, praying for re-sale of school lands, reported a bill for "An act concerning school lands in Peoria county;" which was read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hannaford,

the rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the , and

ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act to amend 'An act to provide for the election of Probate Justices of the Peace,'" reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage; when the bill

ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Boyakin, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to provide for the registration of the colored population of this State," reported the same back, and recommended its rejection; when

Mr. Boyakin moved to refer the bill to the select committee to which were referred petitions praying for a change of laws relating to colored persons.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, said bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Yates, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act regulating the disposition of real estate on execution," reported the same back, and recommended its rejection. The question was then taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, and decided in the negative.

Mr. Warren, on leave, from the minority of the Committee on Counties, made the following report, which was read, viz:

"The minority of the Committee on Counties, ask leave respectfully to report against the formation of the proposed county of Polk.

"From the geographical position of the territory composing said county it does not seem that the citizens thereof are subjected to greater inconvenience than is usual to portions of the citizens living remotely from county seats of other counties of respectable limits.

"The same reasons of convenience and necessity which are urged in this case could be urged by almost all citizens living in the corners or remote limits of their respective counties.

"It is impossible for all men to live adjoining a county town; and the same arguments which go to establish the proposed county, if sanctioned, will increase the number of our counties indefinitely.

"There must be some limit to the extraordinary desire for the division of counties. Many of the small counties already established, are in a worse condition than before their organization. By the increase of counties, there is an increase of the burthens of the people in the way of taxation, and it is believed that the advantages growing out of the establishment of so many counties, are mostly imaginary, so far as the greatness of the people are concerned; while the disadvantages are really and permanently fixed upon all classes, except a few speculators and office-seekers about the numerous county villages scattered over the State.

"The creation of new counties is a growing evil. It affects the order and harmony of society. It has a constant tendency to unsettle the value of property, and very materially to influence all business operations.

"The creation of the proposed county will injuriously affect the relations of the counties out of which it is to be taken, neither of which is at

present more than a respectable county in regard to its territory—the very farthest distance from their respective county seats not probably exceeding in any case, twenty-five miles, as shown by the evidence in possession of the Committee.

**“J. M. WARREN,
SAMUEL PREVO.”**

Mr. Warren, from the Committee on Counties, to which was referred a bill for “An act to attach a part of Richland county to Wayne county,” reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its rejection.

The question was taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, and decided in the negative.

Mr. Benedict, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Margaret Miller, of McLean county, praying for a divorce, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

Said petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Hendry, from the committee on claims, to which was referred the petition of P. McKillis & Co. for payment for work done on the Central Rail-Road, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, which was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Hendry,

Said petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Backenstos, from the Committee on Counties, to which was referred the petition of citizens of Wayne county, praying to be attached to the county of Richland, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Said petition was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for “An act for the relief of the collectors of the counties of Randolph and Monroe;” which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title; when

Mr. Morrison moved to amend said bill by adding, after the word “Monroe,” the words “St. Clair.”

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The bill and proposed amendment were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Benedict, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which were referred the petition of Joseph T. Painter for a divorce, and also the petition of Robert Sans for a divorce, reported them back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

Said petitions were laid on the table.

Mr. Manning, from the joint Committee on the Judiciary, reported

chapters 44, 45, 46, 58, 70, 71, 78, 82, 87, 89, 90, 98, 99, and 100, of the Revised Statutes, which were read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Manning,

The rule was dispensed with, and said chapters were read the second time by their titles, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the chapters were read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from the select committee of nine, to which was referred a bill for "An act to incorporate the city of Nauvoo," when he reported said bill back, with sundry amendments, which were read and concurred in.

Mr. Benedict moved to postpone the further consideration of said bill until Wednesday next.

Mr. Herndon moved to postpone indefinitely the further consideration of the bill.

The question being taken on the motion made by Mr. Benedict, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Kuykendall moved the previous question, which was agreed to.

The question then recurred on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, and was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Cochran and Turley, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Dunbar, Gregg, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Hendry, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pickering, Pratt, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Tunnel, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—69.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Henderson, Herndon, Hicks, Huffinan, Kuykendall, Matthews, Moore, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Strong, Thompson, Turley and White of Scott.—34.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have passed a bill for "An act concerning the public treasury;" and have also passed chapters 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 43, 56 and 59 of "Revised Statutes;"

In the passage of which bill and chapters, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of chapters 25, 36, 38, 39, and 52 of "Revised Statutes," and in the passage of bills of the following titles :

"An act to re locate a part of the Great Western mail route ;"

"An act to locate a State road from Batavia, in Kane county, to David Bennetts, in Du Page county ;"

"An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act for the benefit of Robert Richey,' approved February 6, 1835 ;

"An act in relation to the duties of master in chancery;"

"An act in relation to the records of Sangamon county ;"

"An act to legalize certain official bonds ;"

"An act to legalize the assessment of taxable property in Perry county ;"

"An act to legalize the assessment of property in Menard county, for the year 1844;" and

"An act concerning the Revenue."

The Senate have also concurred with the House of Representatives in the adoption of their resolution authorizing the Governor to receive certain evidences of State indebtedness from the State treasurer, on account of the defalcation of Milton H. Wash; and in the passage of a bill for "An act making partial appropriations," with amendments; in which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have further concurred with the House of Representatives in the adoption of their resolutions in relation to the re-annexation of Texas to the United States, and instructing our Senators, &c. on that subject; and have also concurred with the House in the adoption of their preamble and resolutions, condemning certain amendments to the constitution of the United States, proposed by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, &c.

The Senate have also directed me respectfully to request the House of Representatives to return to the Senate a bill, entitled "An act to limit the duties of Public Administrators," this day indefinitely postponed by the Senate.

The Senate have likewise concurred with the House of Representatives in the adoption of their resolution, fixing the 15th inst. as the day after which no new business shall be received by the General Assembly, and the first Monday in March next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., as the time at which the two Houses will, *sine die*, adjourn.

On motion,

The House adjourned.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Mr. Huffman, of the House.

Mr. Davis of McLean moved to dispensed with the rule, to allow him to introduce a resolution; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Loop, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

Leave of absence, until Monday next, was granted to Mr. Deskines, representative from the county of Logan.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Sangamon,

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to return to the Senate the bill for "An act to limit the duties of public administrators," as requested by the Senate on yesterday.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Fulton,

Leave of absence, until Wednesday next, was granted to Mr. Ross, one of the representatives from the county of Fulton.

A bill for "An act for the relief of Alfred Shattuck," was read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Loop,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act fixing the compensation of masters in chancery," was read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill for "An act for the relief of the securities of Lemon Plaster, late collector of Cass county," was read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act to vacate the town plat of the town of Brooklyn," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Thompson, Morrison and Anderson of St. Clair, be that Committee.

A bill for "An act to provide for the collection of taxes for the year 1843, in Clay county, and to legalize the assessment of taxes in said county for the year 1844," was read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Pitner,

The vote on ordering the last named bill to be engrossed for a third reading, was reconsidered.

Mr. Pitner moved to amend said bill, by striking out all after the third section, and inserting in lieu thereof the following, viz:

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“SEC. 4. The collector of the revenue of said county for the year 1844, be, and he is hereby, allowed sixty days over and above the time now prescribed by law for making the returns of said year, provided that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to release his securities.

SEC. 5. All acts and parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed. This act to take effect from and after its passage.”

On motion of Mr. Pitner,

The bill and proposed amendments were referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill for “An act to provide for the election of certain officers therein named, and to fix the tenure of their offices,” was read the second time; when

Mr. Armstrong moved to lay said bill on the table until the 4th of July.

Mr. Benedict moved to amend the first section of the bill by striking out “1847,” and inserting “1845.”

Mr. Lott moved to refer the bill and proposed amendment to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Benedict moved the previous question: which was agreed to.

The question then recurring on the amendment proposed by Mr. Benedict, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Miller of Fulton and Henderson, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Cox, Funkhouser, Hannaford, Hanson, Hicks, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Starkweather, Tunnel, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Washington, Zieher and Mr. Speaker.—42.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arcenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Burnett, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Myers, O'Connor, Pickering, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Thompson, Turley, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Yates—67.

Mr. Boyakin moved to reconsider the vote on ordering the main question; which was not agreed to.

The question then recurring on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Miller of Fulton and Zieher, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Babbitt, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox,

Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hannaford, Hanson, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Starkweather, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnel, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Wood, Woollard, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—78.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Arenz, Armstrong, Backenstos, Churchill, Davis of McLean, Emerson, Fletcher, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hitt, Huffinan, Jewell, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Myers, Pratt, Rawlings, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Turley, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams, Woodburn and Yates.—31.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles:

“An act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace and constables in replevin and forcible entry and detainer, and forcible detainer;”

“An act to legalize the sale of property therein named;” and

“An act to create the county of Orange.”

A bill for “An act amendatory of an act entitled ‘An act to reduce the public debt one million of dollars, and to put the Bank of Illinois into liquidation,’ ” was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for “An act to amend the charter of the city of Alton,” was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Strong,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for “An act to authorize actions at law against foreign corporations,” was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Denning,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for “An act to provide for the collection of debts,” was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Hannaford,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for “An act making certain fords a part of public roads,” was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Referred to the Committee on State Roads.

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for “An act authorizing the school commissioner or trustees of schools of Adams county to purchase certain property sold on execution for the uses and purposes therein expressed, and authorising them to take a relinquishment of property mortgaged to the school fund in certain cases,” was read the second time by the title, and

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,
Referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to incorporate the Warrenville Seminary, in the county of Du Page," was read the second time by the title, and on his further motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Hannaford,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act in relation to schools in township 19, north of range 9 east, in Champaign county," was read the second time by the title, and

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

Referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill for "An act to locate a State road in Cook county," was read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act concerning section 16, in township 17 north, range 10 west of the third principal meridian," was read the second time by the title, and on his further motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill for "An act to build a bridge across the Fox river at Ottawa, in La Salle county," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

The bill was amended by filling the blank in the first section with the name of Lorenzo Leland; and on his further motion, the bill was referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

A bill for "An act to vacate the survey and plat of the subdivision of lots eight, nine and ten, in block one in Randolph's addition to the city of Quincy," was read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act concerning marriages, and to provide a Common School Fund,'" was read the second time by its title, when

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The bill was referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Morrille,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Hennepin,'" was read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill for "An act to suspend an act therein named," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Hendry,

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to amend 'An act defining and regulating proceedings in the action of ejectment,'" was read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Babbitt,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act supplemental to an act entitled 'An act to provide for changing the venue in civil and criminal cases,'" was read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLenn.

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act for the relief of James M. Jones," was read the second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Burnett,

Referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill for "An act concerning justices of the peace and constables," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Davis of Williamson,

The bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Turley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act for the relief of the late collector for Shelby county," was read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for "An act to regulate the salaries of justices of the supreme court hereafter to be elected," was read the second time.

Mr. Parrish moved to refer the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Woodburn moved to lay the bill on the table; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Thompson and Logan, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Burnett, Butler, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Gregg, Hannaford, Hendry, Hick, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, O'Connor, Sherman, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, Whiteside, Woodburn and Woollard.—27.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Babbitt, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hicks, Hitt, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macopin, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—75.

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Parrish to refer the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary; when

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The motion to refer was laid on the table, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Bradley and Davis of McLean, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict,

Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Hicks, Huffinan, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Strong, Thompson, Turkey, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Yates Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—67.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Gregg, Hannaford, Harriott, Hendry, Hick, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Sherman, Stewart, Tunnel, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, Whiteside, Woodburn and Woollard—39.

Pending the question, on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The bill for "An act to regulate the salaries of Justices of the Supreme Court hereafter to be elected," coming up in its proper order.

The question recurred on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading; when

Mr. Strong moved to amend said bill by striking out the words "one thousand," in the first section, and inserting "twelve hundred," in lieu thereof.

Mr. Herndon moved to lay said amendment on the table.

Mr. Robbins moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question then recurred on the amendment proposed by Mr. Strong, and was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Cochran and Davis of McLean, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Boyakin, Butler, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Hannaford, Harriott, Hendry, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Nye, O'Connor, Parrish, Pratt, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sherman, Starne, Strong, Tunnel, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Williams and Mr. Speaker.—47.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie,

Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Moore, Myers, Oglesby, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Thompson, Tu ley, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates and Zieber.—58.

The question was then taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Davis of McLean, and Morrison, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boykin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Davis of M'Lean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Woollard, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—74.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Butler, Collins, Cushman, Gregg, Hannaford, Hendry, Hick, Jackson of M'Henry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, O'Connor, Parrish, Pratt, Scott of De Witt, Sherman, Strong, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, Whiteside and Woodburn.—33.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Williamson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title: when

The question was taken on the passage of the bill, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Parrish and Hicks, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boykin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hicks, Huffman, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Woollard, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—73.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Butler, Col-

lins, Cushman, Gregg, Hendry, Hick, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, O'Connor, Pratt, Scott of De Witt, Sherman, Stewart, Strong, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, Whiteside and Woodburn.—33.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Loop, from the Committee on Engrossed bills, reported as correctly engrossed, chapter 22 of the "Revised Statutes."

Mr. Whiteside moved to dispense with the rule, and allow him leave to offer a preamble and resolution for adoption, which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Whiteside and Morris, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Denning, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hanson, Harper, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Morrille, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pratt, Prevo. Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Sexton, Sherman, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Meuard, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—76.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Arenz, Churchill, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Emerson, Fletcher, Hardie, Harriott, Henderson, Huffman, Janney, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrison, Myers, Pickering, Rawlings, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams and Yates.—28.

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

A bill for "An act to regulate the salaries and compensation of the several officers and persons therein mentioned," was taken up, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House, and made the special order of the day for Thursday next.

On motion,

The House adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Mr. Parrish, of the House.

Mr. Miller, of Fulton, presented the petition of the trustees of township 7 north, 1 east, in Fulton county, in the case of school land purchased by John Cowell, deceased; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Wood presented the remonstrance of over five hundred citizens of Macoupin county, against any division of said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Wilcox presented the petition of one hundred and sixty citizens of Tazewell county, praying that the labor of the convicts in the Penitentiary, may be changed; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on the Penitentiary.

Mr. Collins presented the petition of certain citizens of Will county, praying the repeal or modification of certain laws; which was read, when

Mr. Deskines moved to lay the petition on the table; which was not agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Collins,

The petition was referred to the select committee, to which other petitions on the same subject have been referred.

Mr. Boyakin presented the memorial of a public meeting of the citizens of Marion county on the subject of taxation; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Wilkinson presented the petition of the county commissioners of Lee county, praying for an act legalizing certain roads; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on State Roads.

Mr. Pievo presented the petition of sundry citizens of Clark and Crawford counties, praying the permanent location of a certain State road therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on State Roads.

Mr. Arnold presented the petition of Thomas Dyer, and others, asking that a company be chartered to supply that part of Chicago, lying north of the river, with pure and wholesome water; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Arnold, Stewart and Sherman be that committee.

Mr. Henderson presented the petition of Stephen White and forty-three others, citizens of township 9 north, range 5 west, in Henderson county, praying the passage of an act to authorize them to sell certain real estate; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Davis, of Williamson, presented the petition of Jereldon Tapton, of Washington county, praying for an extension of time for making a certain road; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Davis of Williamson, White of Washington, and Woodburn be that committee.

Mr. Arnold presented the petition of W. B. Ogden and others, praying that timber stealing may be punishable criminally; which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled and this day laid before the Council of Revision, bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to legalize the assessment of property in Menard county for the year, 1844;"

"An act in relation to the duties of mas'er in chancery;"

"An act in relation to the records of Sangamon county;"

"An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act for the benefit of Robert Richey,' " approved, February 6th, 1835;

"An act to locate a State road therein named."

Mr. Backenstos presented the petition of two hundred and twenty-eight citizens of Hancock county, praying to set off the south-half of township 3 north, 5 west, and 3 north, 6 west, and annex the same to the county of Marquette or Highland, and remonstrating against any other division; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Lott presented the petition of citizens of Adams county, to vacate part of a State road; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on State Roads.

Mr. Wilcox presented the remonstrance of sixty citizens of Woodford county, against any change in the lines of said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties. Also, a petition in favor of a change; which, without reading, was referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Strong presented the petition of sundry Mechanics of Madison county for an amendment to the laws respecting mechanics' lien; which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Adams presented the claim of James L. Lamb for articles furnished the State; which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Arenz presented the petition of citizens of Morgan county, praying for the review of a State road from Howell's farm on Indian creek to Springfield; which, without reading, was on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Hanson presented the petition of one hundred citizens of Coles county, praying for the change of a road therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on State Roads.

Mr. Deskines presented the petition of sundry citizens of Mason county, praying for commissioners to be appointed to re-locate the county seat of said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Babbitt presented the petition of citizens of the town of Plymouth in Hancock county, for an act to elect a Justice of the Peace and Constable; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

On motion of Mr. Starkweather,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Pitner for three days.

Mr. Miller of Fulton, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Sangamon county, praying for a law encouraging the growth of fine wool; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Manufactures and Agriculture.

Mr. Morrille presented the petition of school trustees and others praying for the passage of an act to legalize the proceedings relative to the 16th section in township 13 north, 10 east of the fourth principal meridian; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Cochran presented the petition of sundry citizens of Union and Jackson counties praying for the location of a State road from Murphysboro to Cairo; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on State Roads.

Mr. Turley presented the remonstrance of one hundred and thirteen citizens of Shelby against any change in a certain State road therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Turley, Funkhouser and Hanson be that committee.

Mr. Cushman presented the remonstrance of forty-seven citizens of Bureau county, residing in the territory, proposed to form a part of a new county, against any such arrangement, detaching them from Bureau county; which was read, and, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

On motion of Mr. Herndon,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act to provide for printing the laws as compiled by this General Assembly, and letting the same to the lowest responsible bidder;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

Referred to the committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Loop presented the petition of one hundred and thirty-four citizens of Boone county, praying a modification or repeal of the laws in relation to colored persons; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the select committee, to which was referred other petitions on the same subject.

Mr. Miller of Fulton, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Fulton county, praying for the repeal of the license law in cases of marriage; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Hardie,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act to provide for the disposal of the copy right of the Revised Statutes, now in course of preparation for publication, and for the printing of said Statutes;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hardie,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Retrenchment.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce from the committee on the Judiciary, a bill for "An act authorizing the securities of the late Collector of Cass county to settle with the State;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The rule of the House was further dispensed with, and the bill was read the second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

"An act to authorize the school commissioner of La Salle county to pay over certain moneys to the counties of Grundy and Kendall;"

"An act to incorporate the Georgetown Seminary in the county of Vermilion;"

"An act to authorize the school commissioner of Jo Daviess county to distribute school funds;" and

"An act to change the name of the town of Newburgh, in Macoupin county, to Cumington."

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to legalize the assessment of property in the county of Pulaski for the year 1843, and for other purposes," was read the second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Denning,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act to provide for the payment of costs in criminal cases," was read the second time.

Mr. Sharp moved to amend the bill by striking out the word "Counties" at the end of the fourth section, and insert "for the use of schools;" when,

On motion of Mr. Butler,

The bill and proposed amendment were laid on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed a bill for "An act to change the name of a society in Bond county."

In which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A bill for "An act to incorporate the Hancock Antiquarian Association," was read the second time,

Mr. Robbins moved to lay the bill on the table; which was not agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

It was referred to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act for the formation of the county of Polk," was read the second time by its title; when,

On motion of Mr. Yates,

The proceeding of a public meeting held at Waverly, was read by the Clerk; when

Mr. Wood moved that the bill, with the petitions and remonstrances, be re-committed to the committee on Counties; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Logan moved to lay the bill on the table until the 4th day of July next; when,

On motion of Mr. Kirkpatrick,

A call of the House was ordered, the names being called, the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Armstrong, Backenstos, Gregg, Hitt, Lott, Morrison, Sexton, Smith of Stephenson and Whiteside.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question was taken on Mr. Logan's motion to lay the bill on the table until the fourth day of July next, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Arenz and Rawlings, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Babbitt, Brown, Butler, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Hannaford, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, Oglesby, Pickering, Prevo, Rawlings, Ricks, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vineyard, Warren, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams, Yates and Zieber.—57.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Funkhouser, Harriott, Jackson of Stark, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Manning, Morris, O'Connor, Parrish, Pratt, Randolph, Reed, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Starkweather, Strong, Vedder, Wagner, White of Menard, Wilkinson, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Mr. Speaker.—36.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have refused to order to a third reading, a bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to limit the duties of Public Administrators."

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Scott of De Witt until Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act for the relief of Amos Durbin;" was read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill for "An act for the relief of the infant heirs of John Norris, deceased," was read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Jackson of Stark,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to extend the boundaries of Stark county," was read the second time by its title, when he moved to refer it to the committee on Counties; when,

On motion of Mr. Harper,

The bill was laid on the table, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Jackson of Stark and Harper, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Brown, Burnett, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry,

Herndon, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrison, Myers, Pickering, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Warren, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Williams and Yates.—54.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Butler, Campbell, Collins, Cox, Funkouser, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Hicks, Jackson of Stark, Kuykendall, Manning, McDonald, Morrille, Morris, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pratt, Reed, Robbins, Sharp, Sherman, Stewart, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Menard, Wood, Woodburn, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—36.

On motion,

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The rule was dispensed with, and Senate bill for "An act authorizing David Anderson to keep a ferry across the Kaskaskia river;" was taken from the orders of the day, read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Thompson, Anderson of St. Clair, and Morrison be that committee.

Mr. Gregg moved that the House now resolve itself into a committee of the Whole, on the bill for "An act regulating the assessment and collection of the public revenue;" which was not agreed to.

A bill for "An act further to define the duty of county commissioners' courts," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act to incorporate Metropolis city," was read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Kuykendall moved to dispense with the rule, and read the bill the third time by the title; which was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Morrille,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act to authorize the county commissioners of Putnam and Bureau counties to lease the ferry at Hennepin, and for other purposes," was read the second time by the title, and re-committed to the committee on Roads.

A bill for "An act to authorize the person therein named to construct a mill-dam," was read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Sharp,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act extending the time for completing the assessment of taxable property in Schuyler county," was read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Moore their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

"An act to authorize Peck and Carpenter to build a mill-dam across Fox river;" and

"An act authorizing the sale of school lands in township numbered eighteen north, of range eleven east, in Champaign county."

The Senate have also passed chapters 74, 75, 83, 85, 91, 93, 94 and 95 of Revised Statutes.

In the passage of which several bills and chapters, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of a bill for "An act to legalize the sale of school lands in Adams county;" with amendments, in which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in their amendments to the bill for "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to improve the navigation of the rapids in Rock river, at Rockford, &c.'"

The Senate have further concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of bills of the following titles:

"An act to amend the charter of the city of Quincy;"

"An act for the transfer of certain school funds from the county of Sangamon to the county of Macon;" and

"An act to reduce the salaries of Justices of the Supreme Court hereafter to be elected."

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act authorizing an additional justice of the peace and constable in Lima precinct, in Adams county," was read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act to authorize Joseph Cox, and others, to construct a mill-dam on the Mississippi river," was read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Harper,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

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The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act to authorize John Foster, and others, to construct a mill-dam on the Mississippi river," was read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Jackson of McHenry,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Winnebago,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act for the relief of Samuel Cunningham and James Atkinson," was read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act for the relief of Thomas Brown," was read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act to authorize Stephen Forbes to construct a dam across the Des Plaines river in Cook county," was read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Harper,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act to authorize Lucius Wells to keep a ferry across the Mississippi river," read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act to vacate a certain town-plot therein named," was read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act to prevent the trespassing on real and personal property," was read the second time, and,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

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On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act authorizing an additional justice of the peace and constable in Lima precinct, in Adams county," was read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act to authorize Joseph Cox, and others, to construct a mill-dam on the Mississippi river," was read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Manning,
Said amendment was laid on the table.

Mr Aldrich moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question then recurring on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Manning and Aldrich, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Babbitt, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hick, Hicks, Kuykendall, Lockard, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Morris, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Prevo, Ricks, Sharp, Starkweather, Stewart, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—61.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Backenstos, Butler, Churchill, Deskines, Fletcher, Gregg, Hendry, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Logan, Loop, Moore, Morrison, Pickering, Pratt, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, Tunnel, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, Yates and Youngkin—32.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as foresaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act vacating a certain street in Petersburg, in Menard county," was read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to drain a marsh in Grouse Point precinct, in Cook county," read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill for "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act legalizing certain records in Greene county, and authorizing recorders to appoint deputies in certain cases,'" in force January 24, 1843, was read the third time, and passed; when,

On motion of Mr. Manning,

The title of said bill was amended, so as to read, "An act to authorize recorders to appoint deputies."

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Sharp,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act supplemental to 'An act to incorporate the Spoon river Navigation Company,'" approved March 3, 1837, was read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Collins,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to incorporate the Oswego Manufacturing Company," was read the third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Zieber.

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act to authorize the county commissioners' court of Peoria county to levy a special tax for the purpose of building a jail," was read the third time by the title, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Collins,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to extend the corporate powers of the town of Peru," was read the third time by the title, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Starkweather,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to improve the navigation of the Embarrass river, and for other purposes," was read the third time by the title, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Wiamebago,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act for the improvement of the navigation of Rock river," was read the third time by the title, and passed.

A bill for "An act to protect owners of wood-yards against the illegal acts of steam-boat masters and officers," was read the third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Bradley,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to authorize the collection of the taxes of Jackson county for the year 1842," was read the third time by the title, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Rock Island University,'" approved January 18, 1840, was read the third time by the title, and passed.

A bill for "An act authorizing the Board of Auditors to settle certain claims therein named," was read the third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Oglesby,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to build a free bridge across Shoal creek in Clinton county," was read the third time by the title, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to incorporate the Adelpia Theological Seminary," was read the third time by the title, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Vincyard,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act for the relief of the heirs of Thomas W. Tanner, deceased," was read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles of the foregoing bills be severally as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to remove certain mill dams therein named," was read the third time by the title.

Mr. Emerson moved to lay said bill on the table; which was not agreed to.

The bill was then passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act to amend 'An act to incorporate the Alton Marine and Fire Insurance Company,'" approved, February 7, 1835, coming up on its third reading.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

Said bill was amended, by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

"Sec. 6. A majority of any number of directors, established under the provisions of this act shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting the business of said company."

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bill, as amended, was read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Rushville,'" approved, March 2, 1839, coming up on its third reading.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

Said bill was amended by striking out the words "and one-half," and also by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

"Sec. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to appoint a supervisor for said town of Rushville."

On motion of Mr. Brown,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bill as amended, read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act extending the limits of Cass county," was read the third time by the title.

On motion of Mr. Yates,

A call of the House was ordered; when it appeared that the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Armstrong, Butler, Gregg, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Lott, Miller of Fulton, Morrison, Pickering, Sharp and Wagner.—12.

On motion of Mr. Denning,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question was then taken on the passage of said bill, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Yates and Arenz, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of Lawrence, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Funkhouser, Hannaford, Harriott, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of Stark, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Manning, Miller of Adams, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pratt, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Starkweather, Starne, Tunnel, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Mr. Speaker.—49.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, of St. Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Barnsback, Churchill, Cochran, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Jewell, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Pickering, Randolph, Rawlings, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Turley, Warren, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber.—49.

A bill for "An act to exempt certain property from execution or other process, and for other purposes," was read the third time; when

The question was taken on the passage of said bill, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Morris and Hicks, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cox, Deskines, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Leighton, Miller of Adams, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Sexton, Sharp, Starkweather, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Warren, Wood, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker.—41.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Blair, Butler, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Emerson, Fletcher, Hannaford, Hardie, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Manning, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Myers, Parrish, Pickering, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Wagner, White of Menard, Wilcox, Williams and Zieber.—45.

On motion,

The House adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Dresser.

Mr. Butler presented the petition of one hundred and twenty-nine citizens of Lake county, praying that Fox river be made the boundary line between the counties of Lake and McHenry, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Benedict presented the petition of two hundred citizens of Shelby county, praying for relief in behalf of James Mitchell, of Moultrie county, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Winnebago county, praying the repeal of certain laws therein specified, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the select committee to which were referred sundry petitions relative to the colored population of the State.

Mr. Wilcox presented the petition of sundry citizens of the town of Pekin, praying for an act to incorporate a company to build a bridge across the Illinois river, and for other purposes, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Hitt presented the petition of Charles Hayes and others, citizens of Ogle county, praying a change of certain laws therein named, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the select committee to which were referred sundry petitions relative to the colored population of the State.

Mr. Zieber presented the proceedings of a public meeting held in La Salle prairie, in Peoria county, remonstrating against any increase of taxation to pay the interest on the public debt, which was read; when

Mr. Zieber moved to refer said proceedings to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Benedict moved to refer them to the Committee of the Whole House, to which was referred a bill for "An act regulating the assessment and collection of the public revenue."

The question was then taken on the motion of reference made by Mr. Zieber, and decided in the negative.

The question then recurring on the motion of reference made by Mr. Benedict, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Zieber presented the proceedings of a public meeting held in Peoria, in favor of an increased tax to pay the interest on the State debt, which were read, and, on his motion, referred to the Committee of the Whole House, to which was referred the bill for "An act regulating the assessment and collection of the public revenue."

Mr. Butler presented the petition of H. C. Tiffany and David Cory, praying for an alteration of a street in Little Fort, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Wilkinson presented the petition of thirty seven citizens of Whiteside county, praying the location of a certain road therein named, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Butler presented the petition of citizens of Lake and McHenry counties, praying that the Fox river may be made the boundary line between said counties, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Miller of Fulton, presented the petition of sixty-five citizens of Fulton county, praying the reference of the question of a removal of the

seat of justice, to a vote of the people of said county, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Morrille presented the memorial of the president and secretaries of the Woodford county anti-slavery society, in behalf of said society, praying for an alteration or amendment of the laws relative to persons of color, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the same select committee to which were referred sundry petitions of a similar character.

On motion of Mr. Hick,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act to provide for the sale of certain property therein described," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading; and

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act to incorporate the Aurora and Chicago Plank Road Company," which was read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Loop presented the petition of Titus Howe, praying the passage of an act to legalize the building of his mill-dam across Fox river, which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Loop, from the Committee on Engrossed bills, reported as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles:

"An act to encourage the apprehension of horse thieves ;"

"An act concerning school lands in Peoria county ;" and

"An act to establish a ferry therein named."

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act for the relief of Horatio T. Ellis, which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Kirkpatrick,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act to authorize the school commissioner of Montgomery county to settle a certain demand," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and,

On motion of Mr. Hannaford,

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to incorporate Metropolis City."

Mr. Boyakin moved to dispense with the rule, and take up the orders of the day, which was not agreed to.

Mr. Aldrich, from the committee on State roads, to which was referred a bill for "An act making certain roads a part of public roads," reported the same back, with amendments, which were read, and concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Miller, of Fulton, from the committee on State roads, to which were referred sundry petitions and bills relative to public roads, reported a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act concerning public roads,'" approved February 20, 1841, which was read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, when

Mr. Stewart moved to refer the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Deskines moved to refer it to a select committee of five.

Mr. Aldrich moved its reference to the committee of the Whole House, and make it the special order of the day for next Friday afternoon.

The question was then taken on the motion of reference made by Mr. Aldrich, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Starkweather, from the committee on education, to which was referred a bill for "An act in relation to schools in township No. 19 north, of range nine east, in Champaign county," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage; when the bill was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Lott, from the committee on counties, to which were referred petitions and remonstrances of sundry citizens of the counties of Coles and Cumberland, relative to the re-annexation of the county of Cumberland to the county of Coles, reported a bill for "An act to re-annex the county of Cumberland to the county of Coles, and for other purposes," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Lott moved to dispense with the rule, and read the bill the second time by the title, which was not agreed to.

Mr. Wilcox, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred the petition of H. V. W. Brown, and two hundred and thirteen others, citizens of Galena, praying for an amendment of the charter of said city, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, which was agreed to; when

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

Said petition was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Aldrich, from the committee on Engrossed bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to incorporate the city of Nauvoo."

Mr. Arenz, from the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, to which was referred the account of the Nauvoo Legion for services rendered the State by order of the Governor, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, which was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Arenz,

Said account was laid on the table.

Mr. Pitner, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a bill for "An act to repeal the Nauvoo charters," reported the same back, and recommended its rejection.

The question was then taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, and decided in the negative.

Mr. Hannaford, from the committee on Education, to which was referred a bill for "An act to enable the several townships in Knox county to receive their shares of the school funds when such townships have neglected to return the number of children therein," reported the same back, with an amendment, which was read and concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Whiteside, from the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, reported a preamble and resolutions, proposing to remove the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and his Associates from office, by address, to afford the Legislature an opportunity of reducing the salaries of said officers.

The preamble and resolutions were read; when

Mr. Whiteside moved to lay them on the table, and make them the special order of the day for Thursday next.

Mr. Thompson moved to make them the order of the day for Saturday.

Mr. Benedict moved to make them the order of the day for tomorrow.

The question was then taken on the motion made by Mr. Whiteside, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Bradley, from the committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, to which was referred the petition of A. Job, late State House commissioner, for services rendered as such, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, which was agreed to; when

On motion of Mr. Bradley,

Said petition was laid on the table.

A message from the Council of Revision, by Mr. Hawley, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to say that the Council of Revision have approved bills of the following titles:

"An act in relation to the records of Sangamon county;"

"An act to legalize the assessment of property in Menard county for the year 1844;"

"An act to locate a State road therein named;" and

"An act in relation to the duties of masters in Chancery."

Mr. Manning, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act legalizing certain records in Starke county," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage; when the bill was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, of Starke,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Wilcox, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a bill for "An act to incorporate the Urbana Seminary Society," reported the same back, with an amendment, which was read, and concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Deskines moved to re-consider the vote taken yesterday, on the passage of a bill for "An act extending the limits of Cass county."

On motion of Mr. Yates.

A call of the House was ordered, when it appeared that the following members were absent:

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Arnold, Babbitt, Bradley, Collins, Gregg, Hendry, Leighton, Nye, Pickering, Sherman, Vineyard, Wagner and Whiteside.—14.

Pending the call,

Mr. Thompson, on leave, from the select committee, to which was referred a bill for "An act to vacate the town plat of the town of Brooklyn," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Pickering,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from a select committee, when he reported back to the House a bill for "An act for the permanent improvement of the navigation of the Bon Pas creek," with a substitute, which was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill, as amended, be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Pickering,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

The rule was dispensed with, and a Senate bill for "An act to incorporate the town of Tentipolis, in the county of Effingham," was taken up and read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On the further motion of Mr. Pickering, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

Further proceedings under the call of the House were dispensed with.

The question on reconsidering the vote taken on yesterday, ordering the bill for "An act extending the limits of Cass county, was taken by yeas and nays, on the call of Messrs. Yates and Arenz, and decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Hannaford, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lott, Manning, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Starkweather, Tunnel, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Mr. Speaker.—52.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Barnsback, Churchill, Cochran, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Pickering, Randolph, Rawlings, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Turley, Warren, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates, Youngkin and Zieher.—46.

Mr. Yates moved to recommit the bill to the Committee on Counties, with the following instructions, viz:

"To prepare a bill referring the question of adding the proposed territory to the county of Cass, to a vote of Morgan and Cass counties, at their next August election;" which was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Yates and Arenz, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Babbitt, Barnsback, Churchill, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Myers, Pickering, Randolph, Rawlings, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, Warren, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates and Youngkin.—41.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Backenstos, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Hannaford, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lott, Manning, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Starkweather, Tunnel, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—52.

The question was then taken on the passage of the bill, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the call of Messrs. Yates and Matthews, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Funkhouser, Hannaford, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lott, Manning, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Starkweather, Tunnel, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Mr. Speaker.—52.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Babbitt, Barnsback, Churchill, Cochran, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrison, Myers, Pickering, Randolph, Rawlings, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, Thompson, Warren, White-side, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber.—45.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein, when,

On motion, the House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the President and Directors of Illinois Asylum for the education of the deaf and dumb; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

Referred to the Committee on Education.

The Speaker also laid before the House a communication from Alexander Vattermore on the exchange of public documents, which was read; when

Mr. Boyakin moved to lay said communication on the table; which was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The communication was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

A bill for "An act for the relief of Jesse Murphy, late a Collector of Christian county," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act concerning the records of the counties of Winnebago and Boone," was,

On motion of Mr. Miller of Winnebago,

Read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to incorporate Ewing Seminary, in the counties of White and Wayne," read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to amend 'An act to authorise St. Clair county to establish a ferry across the Mississippi river,'" read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act to amend an act authorising Charles G. Eldridge to keep a ferry across the Mississippi river," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act to vacate the town plat of Kingston, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act declaring certain additions to the town of Manchester, Scott county, vacated," was read the third time; when,

On motion of Mr. Leighton,

The bill was amended by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

"That all that part of the original plat of the town of Manchester as aforesaid; also, of Marks, Lamme and Hickman's addition to said town, situated south of street number four, except Main street; be and the same are hereby vacated."

The bill, as amended, then passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to incorporate the town of Belleville in St. Clair county," read the third time by its title and passed.

A bill for "An act to amend 'An act authorising counties to give a bounty on wolf scalps,'" approved February 15th, 1843, was read the third time and passed.

A bill for "An act to amend 'An act defining and regulating proceed-

ings in actions of ejectment," approved March 2d, 1839, was read the third time, and passed.

A bill for "An act to regulate practice in the Supreme and Circuit Courts," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act concerning certain counties therein named," was read the third time; when

Mr. Hicks moved to amend the bill by striking out the fifth section and inserting the following:

"That when said funds shall be collected, the same shall be divided among those counties that never received any of the said funds nor railroads, in proportion to the population of said counties."

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The main question was ordered.

The question was taken on the proposed amendment, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the call of Messrs. Hicks and Davis of Williamson.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Arenz, Babbitt, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Davis of Williamson, Hannaford, Hicks, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Loop, Miller of Winnebago, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parish, Pitner, Pratt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Warren, Wilkinson, Wood and Woodburn.—27.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Blair, Brown, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hitt, Huffinan, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Lott, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Nye, Pickering, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Menard, Whiteside, Williams, Woollard, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—71.

The bill then passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act for the relinquishment, by the State of Illinois, to the city of Quincy, of her right to the bed of the rail-road, as laid out through said city," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Loop, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correct engrossed, a bill for "An act for the relief of Amos Durbin."

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to extend the boundary lines of the county of Effingham," read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act to authorise the Secretary of State to subscribe for certain periodical works;"

A bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to apportion the representation of the several counties of this State,' approved February 26, 1841;" and

A bill for "An act relative to criminal jurisprudence," were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Jackson of McHenry,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to incorporate the Crystal lake academy in McHenry county," was read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act to extend the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace and Constables in forcible entry and detainer, and forcible detainer," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act to legalise the sale of property therein named," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to create the county of Orange," read the third time by the title, and passed by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Metz and Bradley, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St Clair, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hanson, Hick, Hitt, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Morrille, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Sherman, Starkweather, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, Whiteside, Wood, Woodburn and Woollard.—56.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Barnsback, Churchill, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herdon, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrison, Myers, Pickering, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Tunnel, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Yates and Youngkin.—37.

Mr. Nye, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles:

"An act to provide for the election of certain officers therein named, and to fix the tenure of their offices;"

ings in actions of ejectment," approved March 2d, 1839, was read the third time, and passed.

A bill for "An act to regulate practice in the Supreme and Circuit Courts," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act concerning certain counties therein named," was read the third time; when

Mr. Hicks moved to amend the bill by striking out the fifth section and inserting the following:

"That when said funds shall be collected, the same shall be divided among those counties that never received any of the said funds nor rail-roads, in proportion to the population of said counties."

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The main question was ordered.

The question was taken on the proposed amendment, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the call of Messrs. Hicks and Davis of Williamson.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Arenz, Babbitt, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Davis of Williamson, Hannaford, Hicks, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Loop, Miller of Winnebago, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parish, Pitner, Pratt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Warren, Wilkinson, Wood and Woodburn.—27.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Blair, Brown, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hitt, Huffinan, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Lott, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Nye, Pickering, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Menard, Whiteside, Williams, Woollard, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—71.

The bill then passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act for the relinquishment, by the State of Illinois, to the city of Quincy, of her right to the bed of the rail-road, as laid out through said city," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Loop, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correct engrossed, a bill for "An act for the relief of Amos Durbin."

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to extend the boundary lines of the county of Effingham," read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act to authorise the Secretary of State to subscribe for certain periodical works;"

A bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to apportion the representation of the several counties of this State,' approved February: 26, 1841;" and

A bill for "An act relative to criminal jurisprudence," were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Jackson of McHenry,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to incorporate the Crystal lake academy in McHenry county," was read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act to extend the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace and Constables in forcible entry and detainer, and forcible detainer," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act to legalise the sale of property therein named," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to create the county of Orange," read the third time by the title, and passed by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Metz and Bradley, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St Clair, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hanson, Hick, Hitt, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Morrille, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Sherman, Starkweather, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, Whiteside, Wood, Woodburn and Woollard.—56.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Barnsback, Churchill, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herdon, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrison, Myers, Pickering, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Tunnel, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Yates and Youngkin.—37.

Mr. Nye, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles:

"An act to provide for the election of certain officers therein named, and to fix the tenure of their offices;"

"An act to vacate the survey and plat of the subdivision of lots eight, nine and ten, in block one, in Randolph's addition to the city of Quincy;"

"An act for fixing the compensation of Masters in Chancery;"

"An act to locate a State road in the county of Cook."

He also reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act for the collection of taxes in Perry county for the year 1843;"

"An act to legalise certain official bonds."

Also, a report from the Committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Pickering moved to reconsider the vote taken yesterday on the passage of a bill for "An act to exempt certain property from execution or other process, and for other purposes."

Mr. Butler moved a call of the House, which was not agreed to.

Mr. Henderson moved that the House adjourn, which was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the call of Messrs. Aldrich and Benedict, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Arenz, Backenstos, Boyakin, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Fletcher, Henderson, Herndon, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Lockard, Lott, McDonald, Miller of Winnebago, Nye, Pratt, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Wagner, Wilcox, Williams and Youngkin.—29.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Babbitt, Benedict, Blair, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Harriott, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Logan, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Morrille, Morris, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Sangamon, Thompson, Vineyard, Warren, White of Scott, Wood, Woodburn and Woollard.—53.

The question was taken on reconsidering the vote, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Davis of Williamson and Anderson of Lawrence, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cox, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, McDonald, Morrille, Morris, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Turley, Vineyard, Warren, White of Scott, Wood, Woodburn and Woollard.—51.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Blair, Butler, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Davis of Williamson, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Logan, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Stewart, Strong, Thomp-

son, Wagner, White of Menard, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Yates and Youngkin—39.

On motion,
The House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hale.

Mr. Gregg presented the petition of James Ryan, of Will county, praying that some provision be made for the payment of a judgment obtained by him against the State; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Williams presented the petition of sundry citizens of the counties of Woodford and Tazewell, praying for an alteration of the line between said counties; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of sundry citizens of the town of Rushville, praying for an amendment of the charter of said town; which, without reading, was, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Pratt presented the petition of O. B. Nance and others, praying the location of a State road from Springfield to Bath, with the privilege of building a bridge across the Sangamon river; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Manning presented the petition of Bry, Edmonstone and others, praying the passage of a law to authorise them to levy a tax for school purposes; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Dunbar presented the petition of ninety-two citizens of Coles county, praying for a change in a certain road therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Dunbar presented the remonstrance of three hundred and sixty persons, against a change in a certain road therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Henderson presented the account of Miles Beach & Co., for articles furnished the State; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

On motion of Mr. Hicks,

A bill for "An act to provide for the payment of moneys herein named," was taken from the table, and referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Hicks, Kuykendall and Cox be that Committee.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested to urge at all suitable times, and in all judicious modes upon the Congress of the United States, the propriety and patriotism of granting to the State of Illinois each alternate section of land for six miles on each side of the line of the Northern Cross Railroad; which, when donated,

shall be devoted in such manner as the General Assembly may provide, for the sole purpose of completing the said railroad from Springfield through the eastern portion of said State to intersect the Great Wabash and Erie canal in the State of Indiana.

2. *Resolved*, That in all cases where the lands through which said railroad may pass have been heretofore entered in pursuance of the laws of the United States, Congress shall provide that an amount equal to each alternate section so entered be granted from other vacant lands within this State.

3. *Resolved*, That the Governor be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, requesting the same to be laid before Congress.

The resolutions were read and adopted.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The rule was dispensed with, and the orders of the day taken up.

A bill for "An act to exempt certain property from execution or other process, and for other purposes," coming up on its passage,

On motion of Mr. Woollard,

A call of the House was ordered; when it appeared that the following members were absent:

Messrs. Arnold, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Pickering, Stewart and Whiteside.—6.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. White of Scott moved to amend said bill, by adding the following as an additional section:

"That any person, being the head of a family, not having what the law allows free of execution shall be furnished by the county, on application to the county commissioners' court of the county the petitioner is a resident of."

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The proposed amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Collins moved to amend the bill by adding the following as an additional section:

"This act shall not be so construed as to apply to, or affect debts or contracts entered into prior to the passage of this act."

Mr. Benedict moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Logan and Hendry, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Babbitt, Benedict, Brinkley, Campbell, Denning, Funkhouser, Hicks, Leighton, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morris, Parrish, Pitner, Reed, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Sexton, Sharp, Starkweather, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wood, Woollard and Mr. Speaker—29.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Backenstos, Barnsback, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of

McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Pickering, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Thompson, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woodburn and Yates.—38.

Mr. Kuykendall moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question was then taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Collins, and decided in the affirmative.

The question then recurring on the passage of the bill, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Reed and Sharp, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Cox, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, McDonald, Matthews, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Warren, Whiteside, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates and Mr. Speaker.—65.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Barnsback, Blair, Butler, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Fletcher, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Logan, Loop, Manning, Metz, Moore, Myers, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Thompson, Wagner, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams and Youngkin.—33.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Council of Revision, by Mr. Hawley, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to say that the Council of Revision have approved bills of the following titles:

“An act to relocate a part of the Great Western mail route;”

“An act to legalize the assessment of taxable property in Perry county;”

“An act concerning the revenue;”

“An act to locate a State road from Batavia, in Kane county, to David Bennett's, in Du Page county;” and

“An act to legalize certain official bonds.”

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for “An act to incorporate Metropolis city,” read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for “An act to encourage the apprehension of horse thieves,” was read the third time; when

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Said bill was amended, by adding the following proviso:

“Provided, That said reward shall not disqualify the person entitled thereto, from being a witness.”

The bill as amended, was then passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for “An act fixing the compensation of masters in chancery,” was read the third time, and

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

Referred to the Committee of the Whole House, to which was referred the bill for “An act to regulate the salaries and compensation of the several officers and persons therein mentioned.”

Bills of the following titles were read the third time, and passed, viz:

“An act to vacate the survey and plat of the subdivision of lots eight, nine and ten, in block one in Randolph’s addition to the city of Quincy;”

“An act to locate a State road in the county of Cook;”

“An act to provide for the election of certain officers therein named, and to fix the tenure of their offices;” and

“An act for the relief of Amos Durbin.”

Ordered, That the titles be severally as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Hannaford,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for “An act to establish a ferry therein named,” was read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for “An act to incorporate the city of Nauvoo,” coming up on its third reading,

On motion of Mr. Babbitt,

A call of the House was ordered; when it appeared that the following members were absent:

Messrs. Adams, Arnold, Barnsback, Gregg, Hick, Jackson of Stark, Lott, O’Connor, Strong, Tunnel, Vineyard and White of Menard.—12.

Pending the call,

Mr. Davis of Williamson, on leave, from the select committee to which was referred the petition of Jerledon Tapton, of Washington county, praying for extension of time for making a certain road, reported a bill for “An act to amend ‘An act concerning the 16th section, township one south, range five west, lying in the counties of Washington and Clinton,’” in force Feb. 23, 1813; which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Williamson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Babbitt,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The bill for "An act to incorporate the city of Nauvoo," was then read the third time; and the question being taken on its passage, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Herndon and Thompson, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Hannaford, Hanson, Harriott, Hendry, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Leighton, Logan, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pratt, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Sherman, Starkweather, Stewart, Tunnel, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Yates and Mr. Speaker.—62.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Hicks, Huffman, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Matthews, Moore, Morris, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Thompson, Turley, Woollard and Youngkin.—41.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Constable, a Senator.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of a bill for "An act for the relief of certain persons therein named."

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule was dispensed with, and chapter 19 of Revised Statutes was read the third time by title and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Hannaford,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act concerning school lands in Peoria county," was read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule was dispensed with, and chapters 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16 and 17 of Revised Statutes were read the third time by the titles and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from the Joint Committee on the Judiciary; when he reported chapters 16, 24, 27 and 105, of Revised Statutes, which were read by the titles, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and said chapters read the second time by the titles, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the chapters read the third time by the titles and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Auditor of Public Accounts, in reply to a resolution calling for information relative to the amount of the proceeds of saline lands paid out under provisions of law, &c.; which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Emerson,

Referred to the Committee on Salines and Saline Lands.

On motion of Mr. Hannaford,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act to provide for the sale of certain property therein described," was read the second time by the title, and

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

Referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to re-anex the county of Cumberland to the county of Coles, and for other purposes," was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

A Senate resolution in relation to the Deaf and Dumb Asylum at Jacksonville, was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act for the relief of the heirs of Tyler D. Hewett, deceased, and to adjust the claims of the State of Illinois against said Hewett, as former commissioner of Saline lands in Gallatin county," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sexton,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lawrence,

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered. That Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Sexton and Burnett be that committee.

Senate bill for "An act for the relief of John O'Brien, late collector of Tazewell county," was read, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Williams, Wilcox and Hannaford be that committee.

Senate bill for "An act to relocate a portion of the State road leading from the city of Springfield, in the county of Sangamon, to the town of Shelbyville, in the county of Shelby," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Turley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the select committee to which petitions on the same subject were referred.

The Senate amendment to a resolution of the House, in relation to Richard Eels, was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act for the benefit of the heirs of Jesse Moore, deceased," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Senate bill for "An act to amend 'An act in relation to free negroes and mulattos, servants and slaves,'" in force January 17, 1827, was read and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Vineyard moved to dispense with the rule, and read the bill the second time by the title; which was not agreed to when

On motion,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Senate bill for "An act to provide for cancelling Auditor's Warrants," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and on his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Senate bill for "An act to authorise George H. Wood, executor of William Wood, deceased, to convey certain lands therein mentioned to Godfrey Wilkins," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Senate bill for "An act to authorise the erection of a mill dam in the Great Wabash river, in Wabash county," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Aldrich, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to incorporate the Springfield Lodge No. 4, of Free and Accepted Masons;"

"An act in relation to schools in township nineteen, north of range nine east in Champaign county;"

"An act for the relief of Thomas Brown;"

"An act to authorise Stephen Forbes to construct a dam across the Des Plaines river, in Cook county;"

"An act to enable the several townships in Knox county to receive their shares of the school funds where such townships have neglected to return the number of children therein;"

"An act for the relief of the infant heirs of John Norris, deceased;"

"An act to drain a marsh in Grouse Point Precinct in Cook county;"

Chapters 1, 4 and 5 of Revised Statutes passed by the Senate were severally read the first time by their titles, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and said chapters read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the said chapters were read the third time by the titles and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act requiring the county of Sangamon to pay over certain moneys," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. White of Menard,

The rule was dispensed with and the bill read the second time by the title, when

On motion of Mr. Logan,

A call of the House was ordered.

The names of members being called, it appeared that the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Arnold, Hick, Jackson of Stark, Stewart and Strong.

After some time spent under the call,

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with, when

Mr. Logan moved the indefinite postponement of the further consideration of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The main question was ordered.

The question was then taken on ordering the bill to a third reading, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Deskines and Woollard, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Campbell, Cox, Deskines, Funkhouser, Kuykendall, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Reed, Ricks, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Starkweather, Vedder, White of Menard, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker.—29.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Babbitt, Barnsback, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Hannaford, Hanson, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Lott, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Pickering, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Robbins, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates and Youngkin.—64.

On motion,

The House adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Edson.

On motion of Mr. Manning,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to offer the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk of the House have power to employ any number of assistants necessary to enrol the Revised Statutes in due time to lay them before the Council of Revision at this session.

A message from the Council of Revision, by Mr. Hawley, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to say that the Council of Revision have approved a bill for "An act to regulate the salaries of Justices of the Supreme Court hereafter to be elected."

Mr. Armstrong presented the petition of sixty-one voters of Kendall county, praying the removal of the county seat of said county by the legal voters thereof; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Robbins presented the remonstrance of seventy-one citizens of Perry county, against the location of a State road therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on State Roads.

Mr. Fletcher presented the petition of ninety-two citizens of Sangamon county, praying to be attached to Menard county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Morrison presented the petition of John H. Deck, asking compensation for the apprehension of John Dormer, a convict, for the crime of rape; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Arnold presented the petition of the trustees of the First Presbyterian Church, in Chicago, asking for a lot on which to erect a church; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on the Canal and Canal Lands.

Mr. Turley presented the remonstrance of two hundred and twenty-two citizens of the county of Shelby, against any division of said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Metz presented the claim of Z. N. Garbutt, for supplies furnished during the late Hancock expedition; which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Deskines presented the remonstrance of citizens of Mason county, against a removal of the county seat of said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Deskines presented the petition of sundry citizens of Mason county, praying for a commissioner to be appointed to re-locate the county seat of said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Parrish presented the petition of B. Smith and one hundred and fifty-nine others, citizens of Franklin county, praying for the extension

of time for the collection of taxes due the State for the year 1843, in said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Sharp presented the petition of forty-eight male and thirty-seven female citizens of Fulton county, praying the repeal or amendment of certain laws upon our statute books; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the select committee to which similar petitions were referred.

Mr. Herndon presented the account of J. S. Rogers against the State; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Brinkley moved to dispense with the rule, and take up the orders of the day; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Whiteside, from the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, to which was referred a bill for "An act for the benefit of Garrett M. Blue, late sheriff of the county of Livingston, reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill for "An act for the relief of the collectors of the counties of Randolph and Monroe," reported the same back, with sundry amendments, which were read; when,

Mr. Cochran moved to amend the amendments proposed by the committee by inserting the word "Union;" which was agreed to.

Mr. Morrison moved further to amend by inserting the word "Jackson;" which was agreed to.

Mr. Denning moved further to amend by inserting the word "Alexander;" which was agreed to.

Mr. Woodburn moved further to amend, by inserting the words "Washington and Clinton;" which was agreed to.

Mr. Deskines moved to insert the word "Mason;" which was agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Thompson and Kuykendall. as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Babbitt, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Hendry, Herndon, Hicks, Hick, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Logan, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Randolph, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnel, Vedder, Warren, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker.—76.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Backenstos, Brown, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Fletcher, Henderson, Janney, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Matthews, Morrison, Prevo, Rawlings, Turley, White of Scott, Woollard, Yates and Youngkin.—23.

Mr. Davis of Williamson moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question then recurring on the amendments proposed by the committee, as amended, it was decided in the affirmative; when the bill, as amended, was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Blair, from the committee on Counties, to which were referred the petitions and remonstrances of sundry citizens of the counties of Woodford and Tazewell, relative to an alteration of the line between said counties, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, which was agreed to; when

On motion of Mr. Williams,

Leave was given him to withdraw said petitions and remonstrances.

Mr. Strong, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to facilitate the collection of debts by executors and administrators, in desperate cases," reported the same back, with amendments, which were read and concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Brinkley, from the committee on Roads, to which was referred the petition of H. C. Tiffany and David Cory, praying for an alteration of a street in Little Fort, reported a bill for "An act to authorize William C. Tiffany and David Cory to re-survey a street therein named;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Butler,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Hannaford, from the committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of citizens of Knox county, praying the incorporation of Cherry Grove Seminary, reported a bill for "An act to incorporate the Cherry Grove Seminary, in Knox county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Benedict, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred the petition of twenty-five citizens of Roscoe, Winnebago county, relative to a cemetery for said town, reported a bill for "An act to incorporate the Roscoe Cemetery;" which was,

On motion of Mr. Miller of Winnebago,

Read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Stewart, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a bill for "An act to authorize the construction of a toll-bridge across the Illinois river," reported the same back with sundry amendments: which were read and concurred in.

Mr. Thompson moved to re-consider the vote just taken on concurring with the committee in their last amendment to said bill; which was agreed to.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the last amendment proposed by the committee, and decided in the affirmative; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Jackson of McHenry, from the committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred the petition of Titus Howe, praying the passage of an act to legalize the building of his mill dam across Fox river, reported a bill for "An act to authorize Titus Howe to construct a mill-dam across Fox river, in Kendall county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Loop,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill for "An act to provide for the collection of taxes for the year 1843, in Clay county, and to legalize the assessment of taxes in said county for the year 1844," reported the same back to the House with an amendment; which was read and concurred in, and the bill, as amended, was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Arenz, from the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, to which was referred the petition of Thomas Brockman and other officers, for an appropriation, reported the same back to the House, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject; which was granted, and, on his motion, the petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Herndon, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a bill for "An act to suspend an act therein named," reported the same back to the House with an amendment as a substitute for the bill, which was read and concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed, as amended, by yeas and nays, on the call of Messrs. Hicks and Parrish, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Barnsback, Butler, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Headerson, Hendry, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Robbins, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Stewart, Strong, Wagner, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Woodburn and Yates.—54.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Camp-

bell, Cox. Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser. Hannaford, Hick, Hicks, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Manning, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morris, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parish, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Starkweather, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Warren, Wilkinson, Woollard, Wood and Mr. Speaker.—44.

Mr. Denning, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act repealing a part of the law in relation to the decisions of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois," reported the same back to the House, and recommended its rejection.

The question was then taken on ordering the bill to a third reading, and decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to report the following resolution, from the committee on Finance, viz:

Resolved, That Gov. John Davis, Col. Oakley and David Leavitt, Esq., be admitted to a seat within the bar of the House; the resolution was read and adopted.

Mr. Robbins, from the committee on Counties, to which was referred the petition of 200 citizens of Coles county, praying the formation of a new county, reported the same back to the House, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject; which was granted, and the petition laid on the table.

Mr. Cochran, from the committee on Retrenchment, to which was referred a bill for "An act to provide for printing the laws, as compiled by this General Assembly, and letting the same to the lowest responsible bidder," reported the same back to the House, with an amendment, as a substitute, which was read and concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Woollard, from the committee on Education, to which was referred a bill for "An act to incorporate the Warrenville Seminary, in the county of Du Page," reported the same back to the House, with amendments, which were read; when,

Mr. Warren moved to lay the amendments on the table; which was not agreed to.

The amendments were then concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Armstrong, from the committee on Retrenchment, to which was referred a bill for "An act to amend 'An act regulating the salaries and fees of the several officers and persons therein mentioned, approved Feb. 19, 1827,'" reported the same back to the House, and recommended its rejection; when,

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The bill was laid on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of a bill, entitled "An act declaring a certain road in Scott county a State road," as amended, in which amendments they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Strong, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a preamble and resolution, reported a bill for "An act to prevent trespassing upon timber, and to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace;" which was read the first time; when

Mr. Davis of Williamson moved the indefinite postponement of the bill,

And before the question was taken, the House adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Loop, from the committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, a bill for "An act to amend the charter of the city of Quincy."

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from the select committee to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act authorizing David Auder-on to keep a ferry across the Kaskaskia river;" when he reported the same back, with amendments, which were read and concurred in; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by its title and passed.

Ordered That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

The amendment of the Senate to a bill for "An act making partial appropriations," was read and concurred in; when,

On motion of Mr. Collins,

The vote just taken on concurring with the Senate in their amendment to said bill was reconsidered.

On his further motion, said amendment was amended by adding the following thereto, viz;

"That one hundred dollars be allowed to the Assistant Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk of the Senate."

The amendment, as amended, was then concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The rule was dispensed with, and a Senate bill for "An act to establish the Cook County Circuit," was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title.

Mr. Butler moved to amend the bill by adding the following, as an additional section:

"Sec. 11. At the instance and written request of the Judge of the seventh judicial circuit court, the said Judge of the Cook County Court shall be authorized, and he is hereby empowered and required to hold the Circuit Court in and for Lake county, at any regular or special term thereof; and all proceedings begun or had at any such regular or special term of said court, so held by the Judge of the said Cook County Court,

shall have the same force and effect as the same would have, if held by the said Judge of the seventh Judicial Circuit Court; and the said Judge of the Cook County Court, when holding the said Lake Circuit Court, is hereby required to perform the same duties which are, by law, required of the Judges of the Supreme Court, when holding Circuit Courts, and he is hereby vested with the same powers in all respects."

On motion of Mr. Butler,

The bill and proposed amendment were referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act to aid in the removal of obstructions to the navigation of the Sangamon river, with keel and flat boats;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Morrison moved that the House resolve itself into a committee of the Whole, on the bill for "An act to regulate the salaries and compensation of the several officers and persons therein mentioned;" which was not agreed to.

The preamble and resolutions, proposing to address the Judges of the Supreme Court out of office, coming up in their proper order,

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

A call of the House was ordered; when it appeared that the following members were absent:

Messrs. Manning, Tunnel and Vedder—3.

On motion of Mr. Lott,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Blair called for a division of the question.

Mr. Wagner moved to amend the preamble and resolutions, by striking out all after the word "Resolved," and inserting the following in lieu thereof, viz:

"By the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, that the members of the two Houses of this General Assembly will meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Saturday the 15th instant, for the purpose of electing three associate Justices of the Supreme Court, to fill the vacancies existing in the 2d, 5th and 9th circuits, occasioned by the resignations of Hon. James Semple and Hon. Stephen A. Douglass, and by the death of Hon. John M. Robinson."

Mr. Brinkley moved to lay said amendment on the table; which was agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Miller of Adams and Backenstos, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson, of St. Clair, Armstrong, Babbitt, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Morris, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross,

Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vineyard, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Wood, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker.—63.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Arenz, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Hardie, Harriott, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Pickering, Rawlings, Sherman, Stewart, Strong, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, Wilcox, Williams, Woollard and Yates.—46.

Mr. Loop moved to amend by striking out the preamble and second resolution; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Lott moved to amend the first resolution, by striking out the names of 'James Shields, Jesse B. Thomas and John D. Catot;,' which was agreed to.

Mr. Cochran moved to amend the preamble, by adding, after the word "services," the words, "when the Legislature has the power to fix and regulate the salaries of said officers;" which was not agreed to.

Mr. Aldrich moved to lay the preamble and resolutions on the table; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Morrison moved the previous question; which was agreed to.

The question then recurring on the adoption of the first resolution, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are.

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Babbitt, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dinkins, Funkhouser, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevot, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Wood, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker.—54.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Strong, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, Wilcox, Williams, Woollard, Yates and Youngkin.—58.

The question was then taken upon the adoption of the second resolution, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Manning and Morrison, and follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Boyakin, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Dunbar, Em

erson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Harriott, Hick, Morris, Pickering, Reed, Ricks, Robbins and Whiteside.—22.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Alexander, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Bradley, Brinkley, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Fletcher, Gregg, Hiley, Hamford, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hicks, Hitt, Hoffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Maunard, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—88.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Rock river Seminary in Ogle county, Illinois,'" in the passage of which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution, which was read, viz:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the members of the two Houses of this General Assembly will meet in the hall of the House of Representatives, on Saturday the 15th day of February inst., for the purpose of electing three Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, to fill the vacancies existing in the 2d, 5th and 9th circuits, occasioned by the resignations of Hon. James Semple and Hon. Stephen A. Douglass, and by the death of Hon. John M. Robinson.

Mr. Brinkley moved to amend the resolution by adding the words, "and also an Auditor of Public Accounts, and State Treasurer;" which was agreed to.

Mr. Logan moved to amend the resolution by striking out "Saturday the 15th," and inserting "Monday the 17th, at 7 o'clock P. M.;" which was agreed to.

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

The House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House, to take into consideration a bill for "An act to regulate the salaries and compensation of the several officers and persons therein mentioned;" and after some time spent therein, they rose, and, by Mr. Arnold, their Chairman, reported the bill back to the House, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject; which was granted; when the House proceeded to the consideration of the bill; when

Mr. Logan moved to amend the first section, ninth line, by inserting the following, viz: "To the Secretary of the Fuel Commissioner, 100 dollars."

Mr. Nye moved to amend the amendment by striking out '60;' and inserting '500;' which was not agreed to. The amendment offered by Mr. Logan was then agreed to.

Mr. Hicks moved to amend the first section, by striking out '1200,' in the third line, and inserting '1000;' which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Hicks, and Davis of Williamson, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Backenstos, Bannback, Benedict, Blair, Boykin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Churchill, Cox, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskins, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hanson, Harriett, Herndon, Hicks, Lockard, Lott, McDonald, Matthews, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Prevo, Randolph, Reen, Rick, Ross, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Thompson, Turkey, Whiteside, Yates and Youngkin.—49.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Barnett, Cochran, Collins, Custman, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Logan, Loop, Manning, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrile, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Pitner, Rawlings, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Strong, Tamm, Vidder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Woodard and Mr. Speaker.—57.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean.

The first section of the bill was amended in the fourth line, by striking out '1000,' and inserting '800.'

On motion of Mr. Bradley,

The first section was further amended by striking out '1400,' and inserting, '1600' in the fifth line.

Mr. Arnold moved to amend the first section of the bill, by striking out '250,' and inserting '300' in the eighth line, which was not agreed to.

Mr. Deskins moved to amend the first section, by striking out '\$50' in the ninth line.

Mr. Sharp moved to insert '100;' when,

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

Both motions to amend were laid on the table.

Mr. Ross moved to amend by striking out '50' in the eighth line of the first section.

Mr. Smith of Sangamon, moved to lay the motion of Mr. Ross on the table; which was agreed to.

Mr. Nye moved to amend the first section by striking out '800' in the sixth line, and inserting '700;' which was not agreed to.

Mr. Smith of Sangamon, moved to amend the second section by striking out 'three' in the fourth line, and inserting 'two,' as the per diem allowance of members of the legislature.

Mr. Thompson moved to amend the amendment by inserting '\$2 50' as the per diem allowance; when

On motion of Mr. Nye,

The proposed amendment to the amendment was laid on the table, by yeas and nays, on the call of Messrs. Thompson, and Anderson of St. Clair, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Logan, Loop, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Strong, Tunnel, Vineyard, Warren, White of Menard, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates and Mr. Speaker.—82.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Blair, Churchill, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Haley, Kirkpatrick, Leighton, Lockard, McDonald, Morrison, Prevo, Randolph, Sexton, Thompson, Wagner, Wilcox, Williams and Youngkin.—22.

The question was then taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Smith of Sangamon, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Davis of McLean, and Benedict, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brown, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Hanson, Herndon, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Morris, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ross, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Thompson, Vedder, White of Menard, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Woodburn and Yates.—41.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, O'Connor, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Rawlings, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Tunnel, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, Wilkinson, Wood, Woollard, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—67.

Mr. Hannaford moved to reconsider the vote just taken, which was decided in the negative; and,

On motion,

The House adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Mr. Richmond.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a resolution, which was read, and adopted, as follows:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the Senate be respectfully requested to return to the House a bill for "An act making partial appropriations.

On motion of Mr. Starkweather,

Leave of absence, for four days, was given to Mr. Pitner, representative from the county of Clay.

Mr. Strong presented the petition of citizens of Madison county for an alteration in the terms of court in said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. White, of Scott, presented the petition of forty voters of town fifteen north, fourteen west, praying the passage of a law authorizing the re-valuation of the school section in said township; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Hanson presented the petition of eighty-one voters of Coles county, praying the re-annexation of Cumberland county to the county of Coles; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Pickering presented the petition of Hugh Ronelds, praying for a settlement of accounts between himself and the State of Illinois; which, without reading, was, on his motion referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Deskines presented the petition of sundry citizens of Mason county, praying for a re-location of the county seat of said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Haley presented the petition of sundry citizens of McDonough and Warren counties, praying the location of a State Road therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Ross presented the petition of sundry citizens of Fulton county, praying an amendment to the license law; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Adams presented the petition of citizens of Waterloo, praying for the passage of an act authorizing the recording of the town plat of Waterloo; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Adams, Robbins and Morrison be that committee.

Mr. Yates presented the petition of Aquilla Becraft, of Morgan county, to prevent hunting and shooting on the Sabbath; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sharp presented the proceedings of a public meeting held in Morgan county, relative to the payment of interest on the public debt, and a reduction of the salaries of officers of the State; which were read, and

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

Referred to the committee of the Whole House, to which was referred the bill for "An act regulating the assessment and collection of the public revenue."

A bill for "An act to prevent trespassing upon timber, and to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace," coming up in its proper order,

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, moved to lay said bill on the table until to morrow, when,

On motion of Mr. Deskins,

The bill was laid on the table until Monday.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a bill for "An act to build a bridge across the Fox river at Ottawa, in La Salle county," reported the same back, with sundry amendments, which were read and concurred in, and the bill as amended, was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from the select committee to which was referred the petition of Thomas Dyer and others, for the incorporation of a company to supply a portion of Chicago with pure and wholesome water, reported a bill for "An act to incorporate the Lake Michigan Hydraulic Company," which was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred a resolution relative to taxable lands and other property in certain townships, reported a bill for "An act to provide for the collection of revenue in Marquette county," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Parrish, from the committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of Isaac Demint, praying relief, reported a bill for "An act for the relief of Isaac Demint," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Herndon,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act to have paid certain money into the State Treasury," which was read.

Mr. Cochran moved to lay the bill on the table until the fourth of July; when

On motion of Mr. Pratt,
Said bill was laid on the table.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Campbell, Secretary of State.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to lay before the House of Representatives a communication in writing.

Mr. McDonald, from the Joint Committee on the Penitentiary, to which were referred resolutions relative to leasing the Penitentiary, made a report, accompanied by a bill for "An act to lease the Penitentiary," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. McDonald, from the same committee, reported back sundry proposals for leasing the Penitentiary.

Mr. McDonald, on leave, from the minority of the Joint Committee on the Penitentiary, to which were referred proposals of N. A. Buckmaster, relative to leasing the Penitentiary, made a report thereon, which was read.

Mr. Hick moved to refer the reports, together with the bill, from the majority and minority of said committees, to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Sexton moved to amend the motion of reference, by adding, "and that they be printed."

Mr. Denning moved to refer them to a select committee of nine; when,

On motion of Mr. Strong,

Both reports, and the bill, together with the proposals, were referred to the committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: By order of the Senate, I herewith return to the House of Representatives, in accordance with their request, a bill entitled "An act making partial appropriations."

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Governor, relative to the loan contracted for the completion of the Illinois and Michigan canal, which was read.

Mr. Pickering moved to lay the report on the table, and print 1,000 copies.

Mr. Parrish moved to print 10,000 copies.

Mr. Boyakin moved to print 500 copies.

Mr. Manning moved to refer said report to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Smith, of Sangamon, moved its reference to a select committee.

On motion of Mr. Miller, of Fulton,

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance, and 10,000 copies ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Ordered, That the Public Printer be directed to print said report immediately.

On motion of Mr. Harriott,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to report from the minority of the joint committees on the Penitentiary, a bill for "An act to provide for leasing the Penitentiary of this State for the term of seven years from the tenth day of June, A. D., 1845, which which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for Monday.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from the select committee to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act for the relief of John O'Brien, late collector of Tazewell county;" when he reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Lott.

The rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Cochran, from the committee on Retrenchment, to which was referred a bill for "An act to provide for the election of a commissioner to take the enumeration of the inhabitants of the several counties of this State," reported the same back with an amendment, which was read and concurred in; and the bill as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Stephenson county, praying for an increase of tax for county purposes in said county, reported a bill for "An act to authorize the county of Stephenson to levy a special tax for county purposes," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Scott of De Witt,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to present the petition of three hundred and seventy-two citizens of De Witt county, praying to attach part of said county to the county of Logan; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Robbins, from the committee on Counties, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Coles county, praying for a new county, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, which was agreed to.

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On motion of Mr. Hanson,

Said petition was referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Hanson, Turley and Benedict, be that Committee.

Mr. Wilcox, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred the petition of citizens of La Salle county, praying that the town plat of Enterprise may be vacated, reported a bill for "An act to vacate the town plat of the town of Enterprise," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. McDonald, from the committee on the Penitentiary, to which was referred the memorial of Nimrod Dorsey, praying relief, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

Said memorial was laid on the table.

Mr. Robbins, from the committee on Counties, to which was referred a bill for "An act to re-annex the county of Cumberland to the county of Cole, and for other purposes, reported the same back, with an amendment, which was read and concurred in.

Mr. Dunbar moved to lay the bill on the table, which was not agreed to.

Mr. Dunbar then moved to refer the bill to a select committee of five.

Pending which motion,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the adoption of their resolution, having for its object the meeting of the two Houses of the General Assembly, in the Hall of the House, on Monday next, at 7 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing three Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, and an Auditor and Treasurer.

A bill for "An act to regulate the salaries and compensation of the several officers and persons therein mentioned," coming up in its proper order for consideration ;

Mr. Pickering moved to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the fifth line, second section, the following, viz: "And that any member receive that amount which he may vote for, and not exceeding three dollars per day;" when,

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The proposed amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Pickering moved to amend the second section by striking out "3" at the end of the 7th line, and inserting "4."

Mr. Aldrich moved to amend the proposed amendment, by giving to the Clerks of the House four dollars per day, and to the Secretaries of the Senate three dollars per day, which was decided in the negative.

The question then recurred on Mr. Pickering's proposed amendment, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Morrison, and Davis of Williamson, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Bradley, Burnett, Butler, Denning, Deskines, Emerson, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Jackson of McHenry, Leighton, Manning, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, O'Connor, Oglesby, Pickering, Pratt, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Stewart, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates and Mr. Speaker.—40.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Haley, Hanson, Harriott, Hendry, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Matthews, Metz, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Parrish, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, White of Menard and Wood.—46.

Mr. Anderson of St. Clair, moved to amend the second section by striking out the word "twenty," and inserting "thirty."

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Miller of Adams, moved to amend the second section by striking out "four" at the end of the second line, and inserting "five."

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The amendment was laid on the table, by yeas and nays, on the call of Messrs. Backenstos and Hanson, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Barnshack, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Huffman, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Wilcox and Wood.—64.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Butler, Deskines, Gregg, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Manning, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, O'Connor, Pickering, Pratt, Ricks, Stewart, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, Wilkinson, Williams, Woodburn, Woollard and Yates.—27.

Mr. Babbitt moved to amend the second section by striking out "four" at the end of the second line, and inserting "four fifty;" which was not agreed to.

Mr. Wagner moved to amend the second section of the bill by striking out "three," and inserting "three fifty;" which,

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

Was laid on the table.

Mr. Backenstos moved to amend the second section by striking out "three" at the end of the tenth line, and inserting "four;" which,

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

Was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Rawlings,

The second section of the bill was amended so as to allow two dollars and fifty cents to each of the copyists of the Journals of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Aldrich moved to amend the second section of the bill by striking out the words "Principal Clerk of the House, and Assistant Clerk of the House," and inserting at the end of the line, the following: "To the Principal Clerk of the House, and Assistant Clerk of the House, each, four dollars per day;" which,

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Was laid on the table.

Mr. Churchill moved to amend the bill by inserting, after the word "session," in the second line of the second section, the words, "and at all future sessions;" when,

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The proposed amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Warren moved to amend the second section by striking out "two dollars," and inserting "three dollars;" which,

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

Was laid on the table.

Mr. Huffman moved to amend the bill in the fifth section, second line, by striking out "fifteen," and inserting "ten;" which,

On motion of Mr. Bradley,

Was laid on the table.

Mr. Deskines moved to strike out the fifth section; which,

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

Was laid on the table.

Mr. Armstrong moved to amend the fifth section of the bill, eleventh line, by striking out "seventy-five cents," and inserting "one dollar;" which was not agreed to.

Mr. Benedict moved to amend the fifth section, thirty-third line, by striking out "twenty," and inserting "fifteen;" which,

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

Was laid on the table.

Mr. Backenstos moved to amend the fifth section, fourteenth line, by striking out "fifteen," and inserting "twenty-five;" which,

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

Was laid on the table.

Mr. Backenstos moved the previous question, which was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The fifth section of the bill was amended by striking out the fifty-first and fifty-second lines, and inserting the following, viz: "For making out

one abstract or brief, and entering the judgment of the court, or copying the opinion of the court, in each cause, for every hundred words ten cents, and for every copy thereof, five cents.'

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The fifth section was further amended by adding at the end of the forty-first line, the words, 'Filing each paper, five cents.'

Mr. Armstrong moved to amend the fifth section by striking out 'twenty,' in the twenty-seventh line, and also the same word in the twenty-eighth line, and inserting in their places, 'twenty-five.'

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The proposed amendments were laid on the table.

Mr. Robbins moved to amend the fifth section, by striking out "fifteen cents," at the end of the eighty-seventh line, and inserting "ten cents."

Mr. Armstrong moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table; which was not agreed to.

The amendment was then adopted.

Mr. Backenstos moved to amend the fifth section, by striking out the word "six," and inserting "four."

On motion of Mr. Lockard,

The amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Backenstos moved the previous question, which was not sustained.

Mr. Ross moved to amend the fifth section, by striking out the seventy-fifth and seventy-sixth line; which,

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

Was laid on the table.

Mr. Boyakin moved to amend said section, by striking out "thirty," in the one hundred and seventeenth line; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Boyakin moved to amend, by striking out "forty," in the seventy-fourth line, and inserting "thirty;" which,

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

Was laid on the table,

Mr. Blair moved to add to the end of the ninety-sixth line. fifth section, the following: "Entering judgment on judgment docket, twenty cents;" when,

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The proposed amendment was amended, by striking out "twenty," and inserting "ten."

The amendment, as amended, was then agreed to.

Mr. Davis of McLean, moved to amend the fifth section by striking out the one hundred and fourth line, and inserting the following, to wit: "For each execution and fee bill, together, twenty-five cents."

Mr. Backenstos moved to amend the amendment, by striking out twenty-five cents, and inserting one dollar and fifty cents.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The amendment to the amendment was laid on the table, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Backenstos and Deskines, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arcenz, Armstrong, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Gregg, Haley, Hanna-

ford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Hick, Hitt, Hullman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—85.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Cushman and Deskines.—5.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

The amendment proposed by Mr. Davis of McLean, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The fifth section was amended by adding at the end of the one hundred and fourth line, "with seal."

Mr. Deskines moved to amend said section by striking out "fifteen," and inserting "five," at the end of the one hundred and sixth line, which,

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

Was laid on the table.

Mr. Butler moved to strike out the one hundred and forty-fourth line in said section, which,

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

Was laid on the table.

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The fifth section was amended by inserting after the word "process," in the one hundred and forty seventh line the words "on certificates of acknowledgment."

Mr. Pratt moved to strike out the one hundred and forty-fifth line, which was not agreed to

Mr. Pickering moved to amend the fifth section, one hundred and fifty second line, after the words "marriage license," and "with seal 25 cents," and strike out '75 cents' and insert '12 1-2 cents.'

Mr. Hendry moved to lay the amendment on the table: which was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Denning and Deskines, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Poykin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Butler, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sexton, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Stewart,

Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Menard, Wilcox, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—87.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Campbell, Churchill, Deskines, Parrish, Pickering, Reed, Starkweather and Woollard —8.

Mr. Miller of Fulton moved to amend the fifth section by striking out the one hundred and fifty second line; which

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

Was laid on the table.

Mr. Yates moved to amend said section by striking out the one hundred and fifty-second line, and inserting the following, viz:

“For each marriage license, and filing and recording certificate, one dollar; *Provided*, that seventy five cents on each marriage license shall be paid by said clerk to the school commissioner for the use of schools;” which

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

Was laid on the table.

Mr. Blair moved to amend the fifth section by striking out ‘seventy-five cents’ in the one hundred and fifty second line, and inserting ‘fifty;’ which was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Pickering and Warren, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Babbitt, Barnsback, Benedict, Blair, Brinkley, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Emerson, Funkhouser, Haley, Harriott, Jackson of Stark, Kirkpatrick, McDonald, Matthews, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Starkweather, Tunnel, Warren, Wilkinson, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates and Youngkin.—35.

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Mr. Davis of McLean moved to amend the fifth section by inserting after the word ‘issued’ in the one hundred and thirty-fourth line the following:

“And in case where the judgment is settled before sale, the sheriff to receive only one-half commission upon the value of the property levied on; said value to be ascertained by appraisement by an appraiser selected by the sheriff, and one by the plaintiff; but in no case commission to be allowed upon a greater amount than the amount of the judgment.”

Mr. Deskines moved to lay the amendment on the table; which was not agreed to.

The amendment was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

The bill was amended by striking out the nineteenth section, and inserting the following:

"All laws and parts of laws heretofore passed and coming within the purview and meaning of this act are hereby repealed; *Provided*, that no rights acquired under the laws hereby repealed shall be in any wise affected, but the officers may proceed in the collection of the same as now authorised by law."

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The bill was amended by striking out the word 'sheriff' in the one hundred and fifty-fourth line of the fifth section and inserting 'masters in chancery and commissioners appointed by court.'

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The bill was amended by adding the following as an additional section:

"The five first sections of this act shall be in force from and after its passage."

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The bill was amended by adding at the end of the two hundred and sixty-first line of the fifth section the following:

"For recording town plats, three cents for each and every lot contained in the same, for entering every tract of land over five, in each deed or conveyance, four cents."

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

The bill was amended by striking out 'forty' and inserting 'twenty' of the two hundred and third line of the fifth section.

Mr. Davis of Williamson moved to amend the fifth section by striking out all of one hundred and seventieth line after the word 'except' and inserting 'for each juror twenty-five cents.'

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The first section was amended by adding 'per annum' at the end of line three, four, five, seven, eight and nine.

On motion of Mr. Robbins,

The bill was amended by striking out the word 'person' in the one hundred and eighty second line of the fifth section, and inserting 'prisoner.'

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The vote taken on the amendment last proposed by Mr. Boyakin, was reconsidered; when

On his further motion, the 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th sections of the bill were declared to be in force from and after its passage.

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

The bill was amended by striking out the word 'seventy-five' in the two hundred and thirtieth line of the fifth section, and inserting 'twenty-five.'

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

The bill was amended by adding at the end of the amendment last proposed by Mr. Davis of McLean, the following:

"The commissioner appointed to sell under this provision shall in all cases of sale where the purchase money is actually received and paid over by the master, and in no other cases, receive two per cent. on the amount of sale for two hundred dollars or less; and one per cent. for the excess over two hundred dollars; and in all cases when the property is purchased by the creditor, the master shall be allowed five dollars for said sale in lieu of commissions."

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

The fifth section was amended by inserting after the word 'process' in the one hundred and seventy-second line 'ten cents.'

On his further motion, the same section was further amended by inserting after the word 'only' in the one hundred and seventy-fourth line 'five cents.'

On motion,

The House adjourned.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bergen.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and chapter 22 of Revised Statutes, was taken from the orders of the day and read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and Senate chapters 9, 10, 17, 18, 21, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 43, 56, 59, 74, 75, 83, 85, 91, 93, 94 and 95, of Revised Statutes were taken from the orders of the day, read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and said chapters were read the second time and

Ordered to a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and they were read the third time by the titles and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from the Joint Committee on the Judiciary; when he reported chapters 15, 31, 58, 68, 69, 77, 78, 96, 104 and 107, of Revised Statutes, which were read by the titles, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and said chapters were read the second time by the titles, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and they were read the third time by the titles, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Adams,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act establishing Mordock precinct, in Monroe county;" which was read and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Benedict presented the remonstrance of B. S. Day and one hundred and twenty-nine others, citizens of De Witt county, against any division of said county; which, without reading, was

On motion of Mr. Scott of De Witt,

Referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles:

“An act to authorise Titus Howe to construct a mill dam across Fox river, in Kendall county;”

“An act for the relief of the collectors of the counties of Randolph and Monroe;”

“An act to incorporate the Cherry Grove Seminary in Knox county;”

“An act to facilitate the collection of debts by executors and administrators in desperate cases;”

“An act to aid in the removal of obstructions to the navigation of the Sangamon river with Keel and flat boats;”

“An act to build a bridge across the Fox river, at Ottawa, in La Salle county;”

“An act to authorise the construction of a toll bridge across the Illinois river;”

“An act to provide for printing the laws as compiled by this General Assembly, and letting the same to the lowest responsible bidder;” and

“An act to suspend an act therein named.”

Mr. Herndon presented the petition of Ira Sanford and others praying the location of a State road therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Mr. Hendry presented the remonstrance of sundry citizens of Marquette and Hancock counties, against the formation of a new county out of parts of said counties; which, without reading, was, on his motion referred to the Committee on Counties.

Mr. Warren presented the petition of Mrs. Sarah Ann Wright of Du Page, praying for a divorce; which, without reading, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Nye,

The petition of Thomas Brockman praying compensation, &c., was taken up from the table and referred to the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Haley presented the petition of Thomas Bennington to vacate town plat, &c., of the town of Carroll, in Warren county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Robbins,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to report from the select committee to which was referred the petition of certain citizens of Coles and Erskines' addition to the town of Chester, praying for a change of the name of said town to that of Menard, reported a bill for “An act to change the name of Coles and Erskines' addition to the town of Chester to that of Menard, and for other purposes;” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Wood,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Scott of Macoupin until Tuesday next.

Mr. Arnold, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill for "An act to provide for paying a portion of the interest on the State debt," reported the same back to the House with an amendment as a substitute; which was read, when

Mr. Arnold moved to defer the consideration of the bill and proposed amendment for the present, and to make it the special order for Monday next and each succeeding day until disposed of.

Mr. Ross moved to amend the proposed amendment by adding the following additional section, viz:

"In case the Canal bond-holders and other persons shall not advance the \$1,600,000, and proceed to the completion of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, according to the provisions of this act and an act entitled "An act to provide for the completion of the Illinois and Michigan Canal and the payment of the Canal debt," approved Feb. 20, 1843; then the proceeds of said interest fund shall not be paid to holders of the State debt: but shall be by the State loaned to the Canal fund, and expended in constructing said Canal according to a law for that purpose to be passed, and the State shall be reimbursed for the same with six per cent. interest out of the first proceeds of Canal lands, lots and resources, after the completion of said Canal."

The amendment to the amendment having been read,

Mr. Boyakin moved to lay the bill and proposed amendments on the table; when,

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

A call of the House was ordered; when it appeared that Messrs. Nye and Loop were absent.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with; when

The question was taken on laying the bill and amendments on the table, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Boyakin and Blair, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Herndon, Kuykendall, Morris, Parrish, Pickering, Prevo, Reed, Robbins, Starkweather, Thompson, Turley and Vineyard.—29.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Blair, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper,

Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Janney, Jewell, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Loti, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Tunnel, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker—78.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The bill and proposed amendments were referred to the committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Monday next, and

Ordered, That the substitute and proposed amendment be printed for the use of the two Houses.

A bill for "An act to re-annex the county of Cumberland to the county of Coles, and for other purposes," which was under consideration, at the adjournment, in the forenoon of yesterday, coming up in its proper order, its consideration was passed over by the consent of the House.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to incorporate the Warrenville Seminary, in the county of Du Page;"

"An act to vacate the town plat of the town of Enterprize."

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and leave given him to report, from the committee on Counties, to which various petitions were referred; when he reported

A bill for "An act to add a part of Sangamon to Menard county;" which was read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Logan, White of Menard and Pratt be that committee.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The rule was dispensed with, and he reported, from the committee on Claims, to which was referred the claims of S. M. Tinsley & Co., a bill for "An act to adjust the lease and claims of S. M. Tinsley & Co., on the Northern Cross Railroad;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The rule was dispensed with, and the balance of the day appropriated to the introduction of new business.

Mr. Warren introduced a bill for "An act to incorporate the Warrenville Cemetery Association;" which was read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Ross, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles, viz:

“An act for the relief of Stevens & Tranchery;”

“An act to repeal certain acts therein named;”

“An act to authorize the county commissioners’ court of Jefferson to establish an additional justice’s district in said county;”

“An act relating to town plats therein named;”

“An act providing for funding the debt of La Salle county, and for the payment of the interest thereon;”

“An act organizing a school district in Vermilion, and authorizing the sale of school lands therein.”

Mr. Strong introduced a bill for “An act respecting the probate of wills.”

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill was read the first time by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Stewart introduced a bill for “An act to vacate the town plat of Romeo in Will county;” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time, by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Deskines introduced a bill for “An act to change the county line between Menard and Mason counties.”

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Deskines, White of Menard and Pratt be that committee.

Mr. Logan introduced a bill for “An act for a settlement of the accounts of James Shepherd, late collector of Sangamon county;” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Manning introduced a bill for “An act to provide for the election of supervisors;” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles, viz:

“An act for the election of a commissioner, to take the enumeration of the inhabitants of the several counties of this State;”

“An act to provide for the collection of taxes, for the year 1843, in Clay county, and to legalize the assessment of taxes in said county, for the year 1844;”

“An act for the relief of Isaac Dement.”

Mr. Davis of McLean introduced a bill for "An act to regulate the times of holding courts in the first, eighth and fourth judicial circuits;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Whiteside introduced a bill for "An act for the re survey of the towns of Waterloo and Columbia;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Arnold introduced a bill for "An act to fix the time of holding courts in the seventh judicial circuit;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Arnold, Loop and Gregg be that committee.

Mr. Morrison introduced a bill for "An act to correct erroneous sales of land for taxes;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Bradley introduced a bill for "An act for the formation of the county of Van Buren."

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Bradley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to a select committee of five.

Ordered, That Messrs. Bradley, Robbins, Cochran, Thompson and Davis of Williamson be that committee.

On motion of Mr. Denning,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the propriety of extending the time of holding circuit courts in the counties of Alexander and Pulaski, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Lott,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the propriety of changing the time of holding the courts in the several judicial circuits, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Pickering proposed for adoption the following preamble and resolutions, viz:

Whereas, By a joint resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives, that this, the 15th day of February, is the last day on which any new business can or shall be introduced into either House, during the present session of the General Assembly, therefore,

Resolved, That the remainder of this day be appropriated to the reception of new business, and for no other purposes.

Resolved, That for the purpose of preserving harmony and good order, such new business shall be called for by counties; which were read, and

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

Said preamble and resolutions were laid on the table.

Mr. O'Connor introduced a bill for "An act to create the county of Oakland, and for other purposes."

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Logan introduced a bill for "An act to appropriate the county revenue on real estate in the city of Springfield;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Logan, Smith of Sangamon and Gregg be that committee.

Mr. Burnett presented a bill for "An act for the relief of Joseph Reynolds, of Gallatin county;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Burnett,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on Salines and Saline Lands.

Mr. Cochran introduced a bill for "An act to legalize the acts of Andrew Drasdoft, former acting clerk, of the county commissioners' court of Union county." The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of chapters numbered 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 24, 27, 31, 41, 42, 47, 49, 51, 60, 65, 67, 44, 45, 46, 58, 70, 71, 78, 82, 87, 89, 90, 96, 98, 99, 100, 101 and 105, of Revised Statutes.

The Senate have passed chapters numbered 32, 78, 80 and 102, of Revised Statutes; in the passage of which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Smith of Sangamon, presented the petition of the citizens of Athens, in Sangamon county, praying that a certain town plat be legalized; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Pratt presented the petition of sundry citizens of township 17 north, range 9 west, praying that certain moneys be refunded by said township to Stephen Lee; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Strong introduced a bill for "An act respecting tax sales in the city of Alton."

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Harriott introduced a bill for "An act making certain judgments a lien on real estate and personal property from the date of the service of *capias*." On his motion, the rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Davis of McLean, introduced a bill for "An act for the relief of Campbell Wakefield and William Lieper, administrators of the estate of Robert Lieper, deceased, late of the county of McLean;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Parrish introduced a bill for "An act relating to the tax collector of Franklin county for the year 1812;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Smith of Sangamon, introduced a bill for "An act to vacate the town plat of Sangamon Town;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Sangamon,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Benedict introduced a bill for "An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Beardstown and Sangamon Canal Company;'" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Deskines introduced a bill for an act entitled "An act to appropriate certain moneys therein named;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Gregg introduced a bill for "An act for the relief of James Ryan."

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Randolph introduced a bill for "An act to enable the Administrator of Joseph G. Walker, deceased, to sell real estate for the payment of debts, redemption of lands, &c."

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Stewart introduced a bill for "An act to provide for the final settlement with the contractors of the Illinois and Michigan canal." On his motion, the rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Canals and Canal Lands.

Mr. Aldrich introduced a bill for "An act to add the counties of Winnebago and Boone to the seventh judicial circuit, and to fix the time of holding courts in the sixth judicial circuit.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to a select committee of five.

Ordered, That Messrs. Aldrich, Loop, Miller of Winnebago, Butler and Wagner be that committee.

Mr. Morrison introduced a bill for "An act for the relief of James Hood;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Davis of McLean, introduced a bill for "An act to regulate the times of holding the courts in the first, fourth and eighth judicial circuits, and for other purposes;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to a select committee of five.

Ordered, That Messrs. Davis of McLean, Yates, Huffman, Janney and Benedict be that committee.

Mr. Pratt introduced a bill for "An act authorising the School Commissioner of Cass county to refund certain moneys to Stephen Lee."

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Lott introduced a bill for "An act in relation to warrants and vouchers issued by the city of Quincy;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; when,

On motion,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Logan, on leave, presented the petition of Camp & Bradish, relative to services rendered in the survey and location of the Darwin and Charleston turnpike; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Churchill, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to provide for the binding of the journals, reports and session laws of the General Assembly of this State;" which was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Churchill,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Gregg, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to change the name of a town therein mentioned;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Cox, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act requiring the collector of Champaign county to pay over certain moneys upon the Auditor's warrant;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Haley, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to authorise the County Commissioners of Warren county to settle with Daniel McNeil;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Haley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Churchill, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act in relation to the ferries therein mentioned;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Churchill,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Armstrong, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to provide for the completion of the Illinois and Michigan canal;" which was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on Canal and Canal Lands.

Mr. Pickering, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act for the benefit of widows, maids and unmarried ladies; and for the benefit of widowers, bachelors and unmarried gentlemen;" which was read.

Mr. Morrison moved to lay the bill on the table.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

A call of the House was ordered; when it appeared that the following members were absent:

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Bradley, Cushman, Deskines, Harper, Harriott, Hick, Hitt, Huffinan, Janney, Lott, Matthews, Reed, Whiteside and Youngkin.—16.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question was then taken on the motion of Mr. Morrison to lay said bill on the table, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Benedict, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to promote a more faithful discharge of the duties of probate justices of the peace;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by the title; when,

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The bill was amended, by striking out the word 'five,' in the second section, and inserting the word 'one;' when the bill, as amended, was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Herndon, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to provide for a change and re location of a part of the Darwin and Charleston Turnpike;' " which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Herndon,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Sharp, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to provide for the location of the county seat of the county of Fulton;" which was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sharp,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Armstrong, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act in relation to pre-emptions on Canal Lands;" which was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time; when,

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Said bill was laid on the table,

Mr. Loop, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to authorize the counties of Boone and Winnebago to levy certain taxes for county purposes;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Loop,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Vedder, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act authorizing the school commissioner of Greene county to sell certain property purchased on execution;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Vedder,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Vedder, McDonald and Yates be that committee.

Mr. Jackson of McHenry, on leave, offered the following resolution: which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the select committee, to which was referred a bill to provide for holding a court at Chicago in the county of Cook in the month of July, in each year, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the time of holding courts in the county of McHenry, from one to two weeks at each term, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to repeal parts of certain acts therein named;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Winnebago,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Nye, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to legalize the sale of lands in Brown county, for the years 1839 and 1840;" which was read, and *Ordered* to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Nye,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Pickering, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act for a settlement of accounts between Hugh Reynolds and the State of Illinois, and Jonas Hardy and the State of Illinois;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Pickering,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Backenstos, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to locate a State road therein named;" which was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Backenstos,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time, and referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Backenstos, Randolph and Cochran be that committee.

Mr. Gregg, on leave, offered the following resolutions, which were read and adopted, viz:

Resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That the experience of more than half a century, since the formation of the federal government, has abundantly demonstrated that the period of probation for citizenship, as fixed by the naturalization laws of the United States, is not too limited, and that any extension thereof would be unwise, impolitic, and hostile to the best interests of the country.

Resolved, That the admission of foreigners, on moderate and reasonable terms, to the benefits of our free institutions, is not only sanctioned by usage and the opinions of our wisest statesmen and purest patriots, but recommended by the great benefits such admission has conferred upon the country.

Resolved, That the exclusion of foreigners from the rights of citizenship, would be hostile to the principles of our republican institutions, and more worthy of a bigotted, intolerant and illiberal despotism, than a free, enlightened and powerful nation.

Resolved, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives be requested, to resist all efforts to repeal the naturalization laws, or to extend the period necessary for admission to citizenship beyond the time now required by law.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, a copy of the foregoing resolutions.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Cochran moved to dispense with further proceedings under the call; which was not agreed to.

During the pendency of the call,

Mr. Ross, on leave, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill for "An act to vacate the plat of the town of Henryville, in Henry county;" reported the same back with an amendment; which was read and concurred in, and the bill as amended

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Arnold, on leave, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill for "An act for the relief of Thomas Short, late collector of the revenue in Vermilion county," reported the same back with an amendment as a substitute; which was read and concurred in, and the bill as amended

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bill read a third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Rawlings,

A bill for "An act to establish a State road therein named," was taken from the table and referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Rawlings, Yates and Wood be that Committee.

Mr. Davis of McLean, on leave, presented a memorial on the subject of the State debt from McLean county; which without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Williamson,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Brinkley then withdrew his motion to lay said bill on the table.

Mr. Arnold moved to refer it to the select committee to which were referred petitions relative to colored persons; when

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

Said bill was laid upon the table, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Morrison and Boyakin, as follows, viz:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Hendry, Herndon, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Manning, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Prevo, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sexton, Starkweather, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Whiteside, Wood, Woodburn, Woolard and Mr. Speaker.—60.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Arnold, Babbitt, Churchill, Collins, Harper, Henderson, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Loop, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Pickering, Pratt, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Warren, White of Menard, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates and Youngkin.—27.

Mr. Strong, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act for the relief of such persons as have performed labor in person upon the public works of the State, and who are, and have continued to be, holders of scrip received in payment thereof;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bill read a second time by the title.

Mr. Logan moved to amend said bill, by inserting, after the word 'person,' in the fifth line, the words, 'or for materials furnished;' which was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Said bill was referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Benedict, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act further defining the powers of justices of the peace;" which was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bill was read a second time by the title, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Benedict, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to incorporate the Weeping Willow Cemetery Association, in Macon county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bill read a second time by the title, and referred to the committee on Banks and Incorporations.

On motion,

The House adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Mr. Hanson, of the House.

Mr. Brinkley, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred a bill for "An act to authorise the school commissioner of Montgomery county to settle a certain demand," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage; when it was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Wilcox, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, reported a bill for "An act to incorporate the town of Knoxville in Knox county;" which was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by the title and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Hanson, from the Committee on Counties to which were referred sundry petitions from citizens of De Witt county, praying to attach a

part of said county to the county of Logan, reported a bill for "An act to attach a part of De Witt county to the county of Logan;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Scott of De Witt,

The rule was further dispensed with, and said bill read a third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Constable, a Senator:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have passed a bill entitled "An act to grant a ferry across the Ohio at Cairo, to Bryan Shawneesey and Patrick Smith."

In the passage of which, the Senate ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Hanson, from the Committee on Counties, to which were referred petitions and remonstrances of citizens of Kendall county, relative to the removal of the county seat of said county, reported a bill for "An act for the permanent location of the seat of justice of Kendall county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Cushman, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of townships 29 and 30 north, range 1 east of the third principal meridian, reported a bill for "An act to authorise the school commissioner of La Salle county to pay over certain money to townships 29 and 30 north, range 1 east of the third principal meridian;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Morrille,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Morrille,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Davis of Williamson moved to dispense with the order of business for the purpose of taking up a bill for "An act to alter and amend the law concerning interest on money and usury," which was not agreed to.

Mr. Cushman, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred Senate bill for "An act for the relief of certain settlers on State lands," reported the same back with amendments; which were read, concurred in, and the bill as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Robbins moved to dispense with the rule and take up a bill for "An act to regulate the salaries and compensation of the several officers and persons therein named."

Mr. Parrish moved a call of the House, which was not agreed to.

The rule was then dispensed with, and the bill taken up.

On motion of Mr. Hannaford,

The bill was amended by striking out of the two hundred and sixty-third line the words 'one dollar and fifty cents' and inserting the words 'not exceeding two dollars;' by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Morris and Thompson, as follows, viz:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Butler, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Herndon, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jackson of Stark, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, O'Connor, Pickering, Pratt, Rawlings, Ricks, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Woodburn Yates, Youngkin and Zieber.—77.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Benedict, Boyakin, Campbell, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Henderson, Hicks, Jewell, Morris, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Robbins, Thompson, Tunnel and Mr. Speaker.—23.

Mr. Pratt moved to amend the tenth, seventeenth, twenty-fifth, thirty-fourth and thirty fifth lines by striking out the figure '10,' and inserting in lieu thereof '12 1-2;' which was not agreed to.

Mr. Morrison moved to amend the bill in the one hundred and ninety-seventh line, by striking out '50' and inserting 'one dollar and twenty-five cents.'

Mr. Cochran moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Morrison and Huffman, as follows, viz:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Barnsback, Benedict, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Haley, Hanson, Harriott, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morris, Myers, O'Connor, Parrish, Pickering, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Ross, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Strong, Turley, Vedder and Mr. Speaker.—43.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Boyakin, Bradley, Butler, Collins, Deskines, Emerson, Fletcher, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Huffman, Jackson of Stark, Jewell, Lott, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Nye, Oglesby, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Thompson, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, Whiteside, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates and Zieber.—48.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

The amendment proposed by Mr. Morrison, was amended by striking out 'one dollar and twenty-five,' and inserting 'seventy-five.'

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

Mr. Sharp moved to amend the bill in the twentieth line by striking out '50' and inserting '25;' which was not agreed to.

Mr. Deskines moved to amend the bill by adding after the end of the one hundred and sixty-seventh line the words 'and for each petition and summons 60 cents.'

Mr. Lockard moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table; which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The bill was amended by adding to the end of the one hundred and sixty-sixth line the following:

"Provided, That if the surveyor is called on to establish more than one quarter-section of land at the same time and by the same person, that he shall not be entitled to receive for his services more than three dollars per day."

Mr. Davis of Williamson moved to amend the bill by striking out of the one hundred and seventieth line the words 'in each case 35 cents,' and inserting 'for each juror, 12 1-2 cents and 5 cents per mile for necessary travel on going only, and 40 cents for special jurors.'

Mr. Huffman moved to amend the proposed amendment by striking out '12 1-2,' and inserting '20.'

Mr. Deskines moved to lay the amendment proposed by Mr. Huffman on the table; which was agreed to.

The amendment was then agreed to.

Mr. Armstrong moved to amend the bill by striking out of the one hundred and sixty-fifth and one hundred and sixty-sixth lines the following words, viz: "Such compensation per day at each session, as they may judge proper for his services, not exceeding;" which was not agreed to.

Mr. Brinkley moved to amend the bill in the one hundred and sixty-sixth line, by striking out the words 'and 50 cents;' which was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The bill was amended by striking out in the one hundred and eighty-second line the figures '25' and inserting '30.'

On motion of Mr. Wood,

The bill was amended in the one hundred and forty-fourth line by striking out '\$2.00,' and inserting '75 cents.'

Mr. Pratt moved to amend the bill in the thirty-ninth line of the fifth section, by striking out '25' and inserting '50;' which was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

The bill was amended in the one hundred and ninety-ninth line, by inserting after the word 'replevin,' the words 'or forthcoming.'

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The bill was amended in the two hundred and twenty-third line by striking out '4' and inserting '3.'

Mr. Ross moved to amend the bill by striking out of the two hundred and twenty-seventh line the words 'and a half.'

Mr. Henderson moved to lay said motion on the table; which was agreed to.

Mr. Burnett moved to amend the bill in the two hundred and fifty-seventh line, by striking out '12 1.2' and inserting '10.'

Mr. Lockard moved the previous question; which was ordered.

The question recurring on the amendment proposed by Mr. Burnett, it was not agreed to.

The bill as amended was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill for "An act to re-annex the county of Cumberland to the county of Coles, and for other purposes," coming up.

The question recurred on the motion of Mr. Dunbar to refer the bill to a select committee of five; which was agreed to.

Ordered, That Messrs. Dunbar, Hanson, Starkweather, Alexander and Turley be that committee.

Mr. Boyakin, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act to establish the Cook county Court," together with the amendment proposed by Mr. Butler, reported the bill back with an amendment: which was read and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The tenth section of the bill was amended by striking out the words 'the 1st of March next,' and inserting 'its passage.'

Mr. Boyakin moved to amend the bill by striking out '\$800,' and inserting '\$700.'

Mr. Davis of Williamson moved to amend the amendment by striking out '700' and inserting '600,' which was agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Davis of Williamson and Denning, as follows, viz:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of Stark, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, McDonald, Morrille, Morris, Myers, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pievo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Whiteside, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates and Zieber.—60.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Butler, Collins, Cushman, Fletcher, Gregg, Harper, Harriott, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Leighton, Loop, Miller of Adams, Moore, Nye, Pratt, Rawlings, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, Wilcox and Mr. Speaker—28.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Hicks,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in the amendments thereto.

On motion of Mr. Vineyard,

The rule was dispensed with, to enable him to offer the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the chairman of the select committee to whom was referred sundry abolition petitions, be required to report upon the same by Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to regulate the mode of levying executions," was taken up.

The question recurring upon the amendment proposed by Mr. Boyakin, to the amendment proposed by Mr. Blair, said amendments were,

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Laid upon the table.

Mr. Deskines moved the previous question; which was ordered, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act for the permanent location of the seat of justice of Kendall county," was taken up, read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Counties.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The rule was dispensed with, and a Senate bill for "An act for the relief of Wilson Rea and John Golden," was taken from the orders of the day, and read.

Mr. Parrish moved to dispense with the rule, and read the bill the second time by the title.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

A call of the House was ordered; when it appeared that the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Cushman, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Janney, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Morrison, Sharp, Vineyard, Wagner and Warren.—12. Pending the call.

Mr. Stewart, on leave, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a bill for "An act to incorporate the Lake Michigan Hydraulic Company," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question was then taken on the motion of Mr. Parish to dispense with the rule, and decided in the affirmative; when the bill was read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Starkweather, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to define and establish the boundary line of State street in the city of Chicago."

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, to which were referred sundry claims for supplies furnished, and services rendered, during the late disturbances in Hancock county; when he reported a bill for "An act making appropriations for the pay and expenses of the Illinois militia called into service by the Commander in Chief during the year 1841;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Constable, a Senator.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

"An act to vacate parts of certain town plats therein named;"

"An act enabling Joseph A. Phelps to keep a ferry across the east channel of the Illinois river opposite Grand Island;"

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Rock river Bridge Company,'" approved March 3d, 1843;

"An act to incorporate the Upper Alton cemetery;"

"An act to incorporate the Alton cemetery;"

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to prevent the unlawful driving away of cattle and other stock, by drovers and other persons,'" approved February 3d, 1841;

"An act to incorporate the Illinois Cotton Manufacturing Company;"

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Juliet Seminary, and to elevate the primary schools in township 35 N., R. 10 E.;" approved March 4, 1843;

"An act concerning fees;"

"An act in relation to the acts of the Clerk of the County Commissioners' Court of Cumberland county;"

"An act authorising the County Commissioners of Jo Daviess county to appoint an assessor and collector;" and

"An act for the relief of Thomas S. Brockman, late collector of Brown county, and securities."

The Senate have also passed chapters 57, 61, 62, 64, 84 and 87 of "Revised Statutes," and have adopted the accompanying preamble and resolution on the subject of the occupancy, by the United States, of the Oregon.

In the passage of which bills and chapters, and in the adoption of which preamble and resolution, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The House resolved itself into committee of the Whole, to take into consideration a bill for "An act to lease the Penitentiary;" also, a bill for "An act to provide for leasing the Penitentiary of this State, for the term

of seven years from the 10th day of June, 1845;" together with the reports of the majority and minority of the joint committees on the Penitentiary, relative to, and various propositions for, leasing the Penitentiary; Mr. Gregg in the chair

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, reported that they had had said bills, reports and propositions under consideration, had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

The question was then taken on granting leave to the committee to sit again, and decided in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of bills of the following titles:

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to protect the canal lands against trespasses;' approved March 4, 1837," &c.

"An act to amend 'An act relative to wills and testaments, executors and administrators, and the settlement of estates;'"

"An act for the relief of the securities of Lemon Plaster, late collector of Cass county;"

"An act legalizing certain records in Stark county;" and

"An act for the permanent improvement of the navigation of the Bon Pas creek."

Mr. Nye, from the committee on Enrolled and Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, chapters 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 25, 33 and 67 of Revised Statutes.

On motion,

The House adjourned till 7 o'clock, P. M.

SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Boykin,

Resolved, That the Clerk inform the Senate that the House is now ready to receive them in the Hall of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of electing one associate justice of the Supreme Court for the second judicial circuit of this State, one for the fifth, and one for the ninth circuit; also, one Treasurer and Auditor of Public Accounts for said State.

The Senate, preceded by their Speaker, entered the Hall of the House; and having taken their seats, the two Houses proceeded to the election, by ballot, of three Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois.

Messrs. Dougherty of the Senate, and Arnold of the House were appointed tellers.

The ballots having been counted, it appeared that

James Shields received 108 votes;

Jesse B. Thomas received 109 votes;

John Dean Caton received 103 votes;

Blank and scattering, 16 votes.

James Shields, Jesse B. Thomas and John Dean Caton having received a majority of all the votes given, were declared by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, duly elected Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois.

The two Houses then proceeded to the election of an Auditor of Public Accounts and Treasurer.

Mr. Deskines nominated Wm. L. D. Ewing for Auditor, and Milton Carpenter for Treasurer.

Mr. Edwards, of the Senate, moved that the election of those officers be by acclamation; which was agreed to.

Whereupon, William L. D. Ewing was unanimously elected Auditor of Public Accounts, and Milton Carpenter was unanimously elected Treasurer of the State of Illinois.

The Senate then withdrew; when,

On motion,

The House adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hale.

On motion of Mr. Babbitt,

Leave was given him to withdraw from the files of the House certain accounts and vouchers for supplies furnished, and services rendered, during the late disturbances in Hancock county.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles:

“An act requiring the collector of Champaign county to pay over certain moneys upon the Auditor's Warrant;”

“An act to authorise the county commissioners of Warren county to settle with Daniel McNeil;”

“An act to repeal an act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Beardstown and Sangamon Canal Company;’”

“An act to vacate the town plat of Romeo, in Will county;”

“An act to vacate the plat of the town of Henryville, in Henry county;” and

“An act to vacate the town plat of Sangamon town.”

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Spraker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in their amendments to bills of the following titles:

“An act to establish the Cook county Court;” and

“An act authorising David Anderson to keep a ferry across the Kaskaskia river.”

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration a bill for “An act to provide for paying a portion of the interest on the State debt,” together with the substitute therefor proposed by the Committee on Finance, and the amendment proposed to the substitute by Mr. Ross; Mr. Anderson of Lawrence in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose, and, through their Chairman, reported that they had had said bill and proposed amendments under consideration, and directed him to report them back, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to.

The bill, by common consent, was then informally passed over.

The chairman of said committee also reported that they had had under consideration sundry bills and propositions for leasing the Penitentiary, referred to them, together with the reports of the majority and minority of the Joint Committees on the Penitentiary on the same subject, and had directed him to report them back and recommend the adoption of the resolutions appended to the report of the minority of the Joint Committees on the Penitentiary.

The question then recurring on the adoption of said resolutions,

On motion of Mr. Strong,

A call of the House was ordered; when it appeared that the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Benedict, Bradley, Dunbar, Sherman, Vedder and Wilkinson.—6

On motion of Mr. Lott,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Logan moved to amend said resolutions by striking out all after the word 'resolved,' and inserting the following in lieu thereof, viz:

By the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the Governor of this State be authorized and required to lease the Penitentiary for two years from the first day of January next, on the second Monday in May next, or in one week, at Springfield, to the highest bidder in gold and silver, for sums payable annually, taking from the lessee bonds with approved security."

"That the Governor shall give sixty day's notice that bids will be received in writing up to the second Monday in May; said proposals to be sealed, and shall not be opened until ten o'clock, A. M., of the second Monday in May; and no proposals shall be received after that date."

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The previous question was ordered.

The question then recurring on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. Logan, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Morrison and Logan, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Churchill, Cochran, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Janney, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, Parrish, Prevo, Randolph, Robbins, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Strong, Tunnel, White of Menard, Wilcox, Williams, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—47.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, De-kines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hendry, Hick, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morris, Morrison, Nye,

O'Connor, Oglesby, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Reed, Ricks, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Stewart, Thompson, Turley, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wood and Woollard.—54.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the resolutions, as reported by the minority of the Joint Committees on the Penitentiary, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Morrison and Whiteside, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hendry, Hick, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Reed, Ricks, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Stewart, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, Whiteside, Wood and Woollard.—49.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Churchill, Cochran, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hitt, Huffinan, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Prevo, Randolph, Robbins, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—52.

The question recurring on ordering the bill reported by the majority of the joint committees on the Penitentiary, for "An act to lease the Penitentiary," to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Logan moved the previous question.

Pending which motion,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Turley,

The rule was dispensed with, and a Senate bill for "An act to change the time of holding courts in the county of Shelby," was taken from the orders of the day, and read the second time by the title.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

Said bill was referred to the select committee to which was referred a bill for "An act to change the times of holding courts in the second, third and eighth judicial circuits," and Mr. Turley added to said committee.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and Senate chapters 57, 61, 62, 64, 84, 87 and 93 of Revised Statutes were taken from the orders of the day, read by their titles, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and said chapters were read the second time by their titles, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and they were read the third time by their titles, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from a standing committee: when he reported, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Macon and Lawrence counties, relative to a reduction of interest on the school fund, a bill for "An act in relation to the interest on school funds in certain townships in Macon, Lawrence and McLean counties;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title.

Mr. Brinkley moved to refer the bill to the committee on Education.

Mr. Arnold moved to amend the motion of reference, by instructing the committee to include the county of Cook within the provisions of the bill.

Mr. Cox moved to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Arnold, so as to include the county of Champaign; which was agreed to.

Mr. Benedict moved to refer the bill to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Arnold.

The instructions were modified so as to inquire into the expediency of including the several townships in the State.

The bill was then referred to the committee on Education, with the instructions as amended.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Constable, a Senator.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have passed chapter 93 of Revised Statutes, and bills of the following titles:

"An act to authorize William Forrester and Abraham Howard to build a mill-dam across the Kaskaskia river;" and

"An act to ascertain the State debt, preparatory to a provision to pay the same by taxation;"

In the passage of which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of bills of the following titles:

"An act to incorporate the Urbana Seminary Society;"

"An act to regulate practice in the Supreme and Circuit Courts;"

"An act to amend 'An act authorizing counties to give a bounty on wolf scalps,' approved February 15, 1813;"

"An act concerning the records of the counties of Winnebago and Boone;"

"An act declaring certain additions to the town of Manchester, Scott county, vacated;"

"An act to incorporate Ewing Seminary, in the counties of White and Wayne;" and

"An act concerning the Sangamon river."

The Senate have also concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of bills of the following titles, with amendments:

"An act concerning certain counties therein named;" and

"An act for the further restriction of imprisonment for debt."

In which amendments, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Strong moved to dispense with the rule, and take up a bill for "An act to lease the penitentiary."

On motion of Mr. Tunnel,

The vote taken this morning on the resolutions reported by the minority of the joint committees on the Penitentiary, was reconsidered, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Davis of McLean, and Thompson, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hendry, Hick, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Reed, Ricks, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Stewart, Tunnel, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, Whiteside, Wood, Woollard and Mr. Speaker.—55.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Churchill, Cochran, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hitt, Huffinan, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Prevo, Randolph, Robbins, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Strong, Thompson, Turley, White of McLean, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber—52.

The question then recurring on the adoption of the resolutions reported by the minority, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Morrison and Whiteside, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hendry, Hick, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Pitner, Pratt, Reed, Ricks, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Stewart, Tunnel, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, Whiteside, Wood and Woollard.—50.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Churchill, Cochran, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott,

Mr. Nye, from the committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled and laid before the Council of Revision, bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act for the relief of the securities of Lemuel Plaster, late collector of Cass county;" and

"An act legalizing certain records in Stark county;" also,
Chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes.

He also reported as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act for the re-survey of the towns of Waterloo and Columbia;"

"An act authorizing county commissioners' courts to provide for the safe keeping and preserving all the records belonging to said counties;" and

"An act to promote a more faithful discharge of the duties of Probate Justices of the Peace."

On motion of Mr. Denning,

The rule was dispensed with, and Senate bill for "An act for the relief of Henry Castor and others," was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Denning,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill was read a second time by the title, and

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

Referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Loop, from the committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, chapters 25, 60, 67, 49, 50, 51, 63, 76, 75, 82, 86, 92, 94, 95, 103, 105 and 108 of the Revised Statutes.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of bills of the following titles:

"An act to legalize the acts of certain officers in Pulaski county;"

"An act extending the time for completing the assessment of taxable property in Schuyler county;"

"An act authorizing an additional justice of the peace and constable in Lima precinct, in Adams county;"

"An act for the improvement of the navigation of Rock river;

"An act to vacate a certain town plat therein named;"

"An act for the protection of, and summary mode of recovery for trespass committed upon the commons of Prairie du Rocher;"

"An act to authorize Lucius Wells to keep a ferry across the Mississippi river;"

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Alton Marine and Fire Insurance Company,' approved February 7, 1835, and of the various supplements thereto.

"An act to authorise the County Commissioners' Court of Peoria county to levy a special tax for the purpose of building a jail."

Senate amendment to a bill for "An act limiting the power of taxation in the city of Chicago," was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act to save a portion of the revenue from being lost," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hitt,

The rule was dispensed with, and Senate bill for "An act to incorporate the Byron Hydraulic Company," was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hitt,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by the title, and

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Referred to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

Senate bill for "An act for the relief of the securitics of Thomas Hayden," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by the title, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill for "An act to legalize the location of the county seat of Woodford county, and to change the name of the county seat thereof," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The rule was dispensed with, the bill read a second time by the title, and *Ordered* to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act to authorize the acting canal commissioner to exchange lands with Jeremiah Crotty," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cushman,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by the title, and referred to the committee on the Canal and Canal Lands.

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

The rule was dispensed with, and Senate bill for "An act to legalize the transcribed records of Madison county, for lands situated in the county of McDonough," was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

Senate bill for "An act appointing a collector of the unpaid taxes for 1842, in Lawrence county," was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Denning,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on Finance.

Senate bill for "An act concerning the town of Aurora, in Kane county, was read and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Jackson of McHenry,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

Senate bill for "An act to legalize the acts of William E. Franklin, as notary public in Rock Island county," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Harper,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

Senate bill for "An act to change the name of the town of Fairfield, in Pike county, to that of Pleasant Hill," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The rule was dispensed with, and Senate bill for "An act to save a portion of the revenue from being lost," was taken up, and, on his further motion, the bill was read a second time by the title, and referred to the committee on Finance.

Senate bill for "An act concerning estrays," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hendry,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by the title, and

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill for "An act to legalize the acts of deputy recorders in certain cases, and to provide for their appointment," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hannaford,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by the title, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill for "An act to perfect the apportionment of school funds to Will county," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Collins,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The rule was dispensed with, and Senate bill for "An act fixing the time of holding circuit courts in the third judicial circuit," was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule was further dispensed with, the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to a select committee of seven.

Ordered, That Messrs. Brinkley, Denning, Boyakin, Parrish, Hick, Kuykendall and Hicks be that committee.

Senate bill for "An act to re-locate part of a State road therein named," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was further dispensed with, the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Henderson,

The rule was dispensed with, and Senate bill for "An act to incorporate the Henderson county turnpike road company," was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Henderson,

The rule was further dispensed with, the bill read a second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Turnel,

The rule was dispensed with, and Senate bill for "An act to establish a State road from Columbia on the Illinois river to John Andrews' cabinet shop on the State road leading from Carrollton to Newport," was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Tunnel,

The rule was further dispensed with, the bill read a second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on State Roads.

On motion of Mr. Henderson,

The rule was dispensed with, and Senate bill for "An act to locate a State road from Toulon in Stark county, to Oquaka in Henderson county;" was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hendry,

The rule was further dispensed with, the bill read a second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on State Roads.

Senate bill for "An act to authorise William Clapp and John Hodges to collect taxes," was read and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Denning,

The rule was further dispensed with, the bill read a second time by the title, and

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate resolution relative to the adjournment of the Legislature, *sine die*, on the 17th Feb., was read.

Mr. Brinkley moved to lay said resolution on the table; which was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,
The resolution was laid upon the table until the 4th of July next.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,
The rule was dispensed with, and Senate chapter 93 of the Revised Statutes, was read by the title, and
Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,
The rule was further dispensed with, the chapter read a second time by the title, and
Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,
The rule was further dispensed with, the chapter read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.
Senate preamble and resolutions relative to the imprisonment of Thomas W. Dorr, were read.

Mr. Aldrich moved to amend by striking out the preamble and resolutions, and inserting the following, viz:

"WHEREAS, By a course of hasty and improvident legislation in years past, the State of Illinois has been deeply involved in debt which is rapidly increasing by the accumulation of unpaid interest, which is at present wholly unprovided for, and which the people are at this time unable to pay; *and whereas*, our unfinished Canal and railroads, tending rapidly to decay, present to the world a fit monument of our own broken faith and ruined fortunes, justly exciting the sympathy and distrust of our friends and the contempt of our enemies. Therefore,

Resolved, That it is the bounden duty of this General Assembly to legislate in such a manner as to restore, as far as practicable, the broken faith and ruined credit of our State; and until this be done, it is the highest presumption and folly on our part, to endeavor to censure or correct the evils, whether real or imaginary, of the government or legislation of our sister States."

Mr. Davis of Williamson moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table.

On which motion, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller of Winnebago and Denning.

Mr. Ross moved the previous question, when by unanimous consent the subject was informally passed over for the present.

Senate bill for "An act to change the name of a society in Bond county," was read and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Woollard,
The rule was dispensed with, the bill read a second time by the title, and
Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Woollard,
The rule was further dispensed with, the bill read a third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Hitt,
The rule was dispensed with, and Senate bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Rock river Seminary, in Ogle county, Illinois,'" was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hitt,

The rule was further dispensed with, the bill read a second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Hitt,

The rule was further dispensed with, the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act to grant a ferry across the Ohio river at Cairo, to Bryan Shawneesey and Patrick Smith," was read and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Denning,

The rule was further dispensed with, the bill read a third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The rule was dispensed with, and Senate bill for "An act to incorporate the Illinois Cotton Manufacturing company," was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The rule was further dispensed with, the bill read a second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Senate bill for "An act authorising the county commissioners of Jo Daviess county to appoint an assessor and collector," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by the title, and

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

The bill was amended by adding the following at the end of section two:

"And no juror in said county shall receive any other compensation for his services, attendance or mileage, than is herein provided." And also by adding the following as an additional section:

"SEC. 3. That the assessment of taxes in the county of Jo Daviess for the years 1843 and 1844, by authority of the county commissioners thereof, is hereby made legal and valid, and that the said county commissioners have hereby full power and authority to collect the same."

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in said amendments.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The rule was dispensed with, and Senate bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Juliet Seminary and to elevate the primary schools in township 35 north, range 10 east,'" approved March 4, 1843, was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The rule was further dispensed with, the bill read a second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Senate amendments to bill for "An act making partial appropriations," coming up,

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The bill and amendments were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The rule was dispensed with, and Senate bill for "An act to authorise Peck & Carpenter to build a dam across Fox river," was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The rule was further dispensed with, the bill read a second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

Senate bill for "An act authorising the sale of school lands in township numbered 18, north of range 11 east, in Champaign county, was read and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cox,

The rule was dispensed with, the bill read a second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cox,

The rule was further dispensed with, the bill read a third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate amendment to resolution relative to the defalcation of Milton H. Wash, was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act concerning the public Treasury," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule was dispensed with, the bill read a second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Collins,

The rule was further dispensed with, the bill read a third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion,

The House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Edson.

Mr. Benedict asked and obtained leave to withdraw certain remonstrances of citizens of De Witt county against the division of said county.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Campbell, Secretary of State.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to lay before the House of Representatives, a communication in writing.

Mr. Davis of McLean, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the petition of Margaret Miller.

Mr. Arnold presented the proceedings of a public meeting of citizens of Chicago relative to an increase of taxation; which was read, and, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Arnold presented the memorial of 1,806 citizens of Cook county, praying for an increase of taxation to restore the public credit; which, without reading, was, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Arnold presented the memorial of 100 citizens of Cook county, praying for an increase of taxation; which, without reading, was, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Aldrich presented the petition of 210 citizens of Jo Daviess county, praying for the establishing of a county court for said county; which was read, and, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Warren presented the petition of sundry citizens of Du Page county, praying for the passage of a law to prevent swine from running at large; which, without reading, was, on his motion, laid on the table.

A message from the Council of Revision, by Mr. Hawley, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to say that the Council of Revision have approved bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act for the relief of the securities of Lemon Plasters, late collector of Cass county;"

"An act legalizing certain records in Stark county;" and

"An act to amend the charter of the city of Quincy."

A message from the Senate by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of bills of the following titles:

"An act to authorise the Secretary of State to subscribe for certain periodical works;"

"An act for the relief of the heirs of Thomas W. Tanner, deceased;"

"An act to authorise the collection of the taxes of Jackson county for the year 1842;" and

"An act to authorise the Canal Commissioner to pay certain moneys to Jeremiah Crotty."

The Senate have also concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of bills of the following titles, as amended by them:

"An act to protect owners of wood-yards against the illegal acts of steam-boat masters and officers;" and

"An act to legalize the sale of property therein named."

In which amendments I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A bill for "An act to provide for paying a portion of the interest on the State debt," coming up in its proper order, the question recurred on the amendment proposed by Mr. Ross, to the substitute for said bill proposed by the Committee on Finance.

Pending which question,

On motion,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Loop, from the Committee on Engrossed bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to amend 'An act authorising the erection of a bridge over Rock river at Rockford,'" approved February 27th, 1843.

The Speaker laid before the House, a communication from the Governor, transmitting resolutions of the legislature of Vermont, relative to a protective tariff and the annexation of Texas; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Hannaford,
Referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

On motion of Mr. Loop,
The rule was dispensed with, and the bill just reported by him from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, was taken from the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Winnebago,
The bill was amended by striking out of the section, the words "that every citizen of the county of Winnebago and:" and also by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

"Sec. 14. Tolls shall never be taken on said bridge, provided that, on or before its completion, said committee shall be indemnified for the amount actually expended on the same by them, over and above the receipts from all subscriptions and donations thereto; and whenever said committee shall be indemnified as aforesaid or otherwise, tolls shall cease, and said bridge for ever thereafter be free to all."

On motion of Mr. Miller of Winnebago,
The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,
The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from the select committee to which was referred a bill for "An act to re-annex the county of Cumberland to the county of Coles, and for other purposes;" when he reported the same back, with amendments; which were read and concurred in; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,
The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from a standing committee; when he reported back, without amendment, from the committee on Counties, a bill for "An act for the permanent location of the seat of justice of Kendall county," which had been recommended to said committee; and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of bills of the following titles:

"An act to incorporate the Adelpia Theological Seminary;"
"An act to build a free bridge across Shoal creek, in Clinton county;"
and

"An act to improve the navigation of the Embarrass river, and for other purposes."

Mr. Loop, from the Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, reported, as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, a bill for "An act to amend 'An act to incorporate the Alton Marine and Fire Insurance Company,'" approved February 7th, 1835, and of the various supplements thereto.

On motion of Mr. White of Scott,

Leave of absence for four days, was granted to Mr. Leighton, Representative from the county of Scott.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed chapter 59 of "Revised Statutes," entitled "Justices of the Peace and Constables," and bills entitled as follows:

"An act to incorporate the Sangamon and Morgan Rail Road Company;"

"An act authorising the trustees of schools in township 7 N., R. 12 W., in Jersey county, to re-value school lands, and for other purposes;"

"An act in relation to the election of county officers;"

"An act directing the collection of debts due the State on account of the Gallatin Salines;"

"An act declaring the 'Cut-Off,' at the town of Mantanzas, in Mason county, navigable;"

"An act to make the property of stockholders of incorporations, individually liable for the debts of said incorporations;" and

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act providing for the binding the laws and journals,'" approved January 31, 1840.

In the passage of which, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in their amendments to the bill entitled "An act authorising the County Commissioners of Jo Daviess county to appoint an assessor and collector;" and have concurred with the House in the passage of bills entitled

"An act to authorise the person therein named to construct a mill-dam;" and

"An act to incorporate the Crystal Lake Academy in McHenry county."

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for "An act to provide for paying a portion of the interest on the State debt," was taken up for consideration. The question recurred on the amendment proposed by Mr. Ross to the amendment proposed by the Committee on Finance, as a substitute for said bill; when,

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The amendment proposed by Mr. Ross was laid on the table, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Miller of Fulton, and Cochran, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams,

Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morris, Myers, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Strong, Turley, Wagner, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams, Woollard and Youngkin—68.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Babbitt, Brown, Butler, Collins, Cushman, Deskines, Gregg, Hannaford, Kuykendall, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Morrille, Morrison, Nye, O'Connor, Ross, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnel, Vedder, Vineyard, Warren, White-side, Wood, Woodburn, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—32.

Mr. Sexton moved to amend the amendment of the Committee on Finance, by adding the following, viz:

"The Legislature hereby reserves the right to alter, amend or repeal this act whenever the public good may require it."

Mr. Deskines moved to lay said amendment on the table; which was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Sexton and Woollard, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Loop, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pitner, Pratt, Randolph, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams, Woollard, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—64.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Hanson, Harriott, Hick, Kirkpatrick, Morris, Oglesby, Parrish, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Starkweather, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wood, Woodburn and Youngkin.—36.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

A call of the House was ordered; when it appeared that the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Aldrich, Funkhouser, Hannaford, Hicks, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Miller of Fulton, Pickering, Pratt, Vineyard, White of Scott, and Wilkinson.—13.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Logan moved to amend the amendment proposed by the Committee on Finance, by adding the following to the end of the fifth section, viz:

"In case the bond-holders and other persons shall not, within six months, advance the \$1,600,000, and proceed to the completion of the Illinois and Michigan canal, according to the provisions of this act, and an act entitled "An act to provide for the completion of the Illinois and Michigan canal, and the payment of the canal debt," approved Feb-

ruary 21, 1843, then the proceeds of said interest fund shall be applied to the redemption of the interest bonds, commonly called McAlister and Stebbins bonds, other than those now in the hands of the Governor, belonging to the Bank of Illinois, by paying thereon two hundred and forty dollars on each thousand dollar bond, with interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent. per annum from the 17th day of June, 1841, until paid; provided said bonds shall be surrendered by the holders as fully satisfied on receiving said payment."

The question was then taken on said amendment, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Cochran and Boyakin, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Backenstos, Burnett, Churchill, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hanson, Henderson, Herndon, Huffman, Lockard, Logan, Morrison, Myers, Pickering, Randolph, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams and Youngkin.—29.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Desjardines, Gregg, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Matthews, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Stewart, Turley, Veder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—75.

Mr. Lott announced the death of the Hon. William Blair, late a Representative from the county of Pike, and offered the following resolutions, which were read and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That in the death of the Hon. William Blair, a Representative in this House from the county of Pike, his constituents have lost a talented and faithful Representative—society one of its most gifted and generous members—and his bereaved family a kind husband and father.

Resolved, That we most deeply sympathize with the family of the deceased in their afflicting bereavement, and as a mark of respect to the widow of the deceased, that a copy of these resolutions be signed by the Speaker, and transmitted by the Clerk to the widow of our departed friend.

Resolved, That for a testimonial of our regard and respect for the deceased, the members of this House will wear crape on the left arm for thirty days.

Resolved, That a committee of twelve be appointed to make arrangements for the funeral and burial of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further testimony of regard for the deceased, the House do now adjourn.

Ordered, That Messrs. Metz, Lott, Stewart, Huffman, Parrish, Aldrich, Benedict, Nye, Whiteside, Zieber, Cochran and Boyakin be the Committee of Arrangement.

Then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1845.

House met.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Dickens.

Mr. Lott, from the Joint Committee appointed to make arrangements for the funeral of the Hon. William Blair, late Representative from the county of Pike, submitted the following report:

The Committee have arranged the following particulars for the funeral, to wit: The Committee have procured the coffin and necessary apparel for the deceased, in order to his decent sepulture. They have chosen four pall-bearers from the Senate, to wit: Messrs. Constable, Matteson, Harrison and Wynne; and eight pall bearers from this House, to wit: Messrs. Lott, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Ross, Benedict, Morrison and Strong. The Committee have also chosen Mr. Stewart of the House of Representatives and Mr. Forman of the Senate, as the Marshals for the occasion. The Committee have determined, under the advice of the friends and colleagues of the deceased, to send the corpse to the family of the deceased in the county of Pike. The Committee have appointed the Rev. Newton Cloud as the officiating minister for the occasion. At the request of the Committee, Doctor T. Worthington, the Senator from the county of Pike, has consented to proceed to Pittsfield, in Pike county, there to prepare the friends of the deceased for the proper reception of the corpse, and for the purpose of making further arrangements for his burial.

The committee have adopted the following order of action and procession for the funeral ceremony in this city, to wit:

The members of the two branches of the General Assembly will meet in the hall of the House of Representatives at half past nine o'clock, this morning, 20th February instant. At which time, the body of the deceased will be brought to the hall in charge of the pall bearers and Committee of Arrangements; where the funeral service will be performed by the Rev. Newton Cloud, the officiating minister for the occasion.

After the funeral service in the hall, the assemblage will proceed with the corpse to the limits of the city corporation, in the following order, under the direction of the Marshals, Messrs. Stewart of the House and Forman of the Senate:

1. Pall-bearers.—Messrs. Constable, Matteson, Harrison and Wynne, of the Senate. Messrs. Lott, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Ross, Miller of Fulton, Benedict, Morrison and Strong, of the House of Representatives.

2. Mourners and the colleagues of the deceased.

3. The Reverend Clergy.

4. The officers and members of the House of Representatives.

5. The officers and members of the Senate.

6. The Governor, Judges of the Supreme Court and other State officers.

7. Citizens and strangers.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives be directed to accompany the body of the Hon. William Blair, late a member of this House, to the residence of his family in the county of Pike.

The report and resolution were read; when

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

They were unanimously adopted.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and request them to join in the funeral ceremonies and procession.

The members of the Senate having taken the seats assigned them,

The corpse was brought into the hall in charge of the pall-bearers and committee of arrangements; when the funeral service was performed by Rev. Mr. Cloud. After the service closed, the procession formed, as directed by the Committee, and proceeded to the limits of the city corporation; where the body was delivered to the friends and relatives of the deceased.

The members of the House of Representatives then returned to the hall; when

On motion,

The House adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bergen.

Mr. Loop presented the petition of two hundred and fifty-one citizens of Boone, McHenry and Lake counties, praying the passage of a law legalizing the acts of the commissioners in laying out a State road from Belvidere to Little Fort; which, without reading, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on State roads.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to report from a select committee, when he reported back to the House a Senate bill for "An act to change the time of holding courts in the county of Shelby," with an amendment as a substitute, which was read and concurred in, and the bill as amended

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The title of the bill was amended by adding at the end thereof the words "and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the title be as amended, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in the amendment of the House to the bill, and title.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as correctly engrossed a bill for "An act to lease the Penitentiary."

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills reported as correctly enrolled, and on the 19th instant laid before the Council of Revision, chapters 16, 31, 41, 42, 51, 66, 96, 105 65 and 47, of Revised Statutes.

Mr. Boyakin, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to authorise justices of the peace to take recognizances in certain cases," reported the same back to the House with an amendment, which was read and concurred in; and

Ordered to be engrossed as amended.

Mr. Butler presented the petition of Hiram Huguin and others, praying for an alteration of a State road therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Butler presented the petition of Henry Hills and others for the change of the name of the town of Little Fort; which, without reading, was, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Butler presented the remonstrance of eighty citizens of Little Fort against any alteration in the name of Little Fort, which, without reading, was, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Butler presented the petition of B. P. Cahoon and others, praying for a vacation of the cemetery ground at Little Fort in Lake county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Metz presented the petition of eighty-eight citizens of Pike county, praying a change of labor in the Penitentiary; which was read, and on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Aldrich presented the petition of sundry citizens of Jo Davies county, praying for the creation of a County Court for said county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Benedict, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act for the relief of the late collector for Shelby county," reported the same back to the House, and recommended its passage.

The bill was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Turley,

The rule was dispensed with and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Davis of McLean, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred a bill for "An act authorising a sale of seminary lands in Champaign county," reported the same back to the House with an amendment as a substitute; which was read and concurred in, and the bill as amended, was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act to save a portion of the revenue from being lost," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Boyakin, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act for the benefit of James Hood, a minor," reported the same back with an amendment, which was read and concurred in; and the bill as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. O'Connor, from the Committee on Counties, to which were referred sundry petitions and remonstrances of sundry citizens of La Salle and

Bureau counties, relative to the formation of a new county, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,

Said petitions and remonstrances were laid on the table.

Mr. Alexander, from the Committee on Counties, to which were referred sundry petitions of the citizens of De Kalb county, praying to attach a portion of said county to the county of Kendall, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

Said petitions were laid on the table.

Mr. Strong, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to amend the charter of the city of Alton," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Dunbar, from the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, to which was referred a Senate resolution relative to the reception of bonds hypothecated with McAlister and Stebbins, reported the same back with an amendment which was read.

Mr. Hick moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table; which was not agreed to.

The amendment was then concurred in, and the resolution as amended adopted.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in said amendment.

Mr. Loop, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to regulate the salaries and compensation of the several officers therein mentioned."

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from the select committee to which was referred a bill for "An act for the formation of the county of Van Buren;" when he reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading,

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of a bill entitled "An act vacating a certain street in Petersburg, in Menard county."

Mr. Warren, from the committee on Counties, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Jackson and Randolph counties, praying the formation of a new county, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Said petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Lott, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act authorizing certain persons holding property in trust for the use of the Catholic church and societies thereof, in the State of Illinois, to convey the same," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Fletcher, from the committee on Agriculture and Manufactures, to which were referred sundry petitions relative to the improvement and encouragement of the growth of fine wool, made a report thereon; which was read.

Mr. Fletcher, from the minority of the committee on Agriculture and Manufactures, reported a bill for "An act to improve the breed of sheep;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Fletcher moved to dispense with the rule and read the bill a second time.

Mr. Boyakin moved to postpone indefinitely the further consideration of the bill.

Mr. Davis of Williamson moved to lay the bill on the table.

Mr. Burnett moved the previous question.

The question was then taken on the motion to lay the bill on the table, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Miller of Adams and Warren, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Haley, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Janney, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Morris, Morrison, Nye, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Washington, Wilkinson, Wood, Woodburn, Yates and Mr. Speaker.—54

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Churchill, Cushman, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hitt, Huffinan, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Loop, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, Pickering, Randolph, Rawlings, Ross, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, Wilcox, Woollard, Youngkin and Zieber—40.

On motion of Mr. Adams,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Senate be respectfully requested to return to the House of Representatives, for their further action thereon, a certain bill this morning reported from this House, entitled "An act to change the time of holding courts in Shelby county.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act for the relief of the securities of Thomas Hayden," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Campbell, Secretary of State:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to lay before the House of Representatives, a communication in writing.

Mr. Miller of Fulton, from the committee on State Roads, to which were referred sundry petitions relative to the location of State roads, reported a bill for "An act for the location of certain State roads therein named, and for the vacation of other State roads;" which was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Fulton,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Campbell, Secretary of State:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to lay before the House of Representatives, a communication in writing.

Mr. Aldrich, from the committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and laid before the Council of Revision, sundry chapters of Revised Statutes, and bills of the following titles:

"An act relative to criminal jurisprudence;"

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to apportion the representation of the several counties of this State,' approved February 26, 1841."

"An act for the relief of Jesse Murphy, late collector of Christian county;"

"An act for the permanent improvement of Bon Pas creek;" and

"An act to amend an act entitled "An act relative to wills and testaments, executors and administrators, and the settlement of estates."

Also, as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to incorporate the town of Knoxville, in Knox county."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have concurred in their amendments to the bill for "An act to change the time of holding courts in the county of Shelby."

On motion of Mr. Hick,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from the minority of the select committee, to which were referred sundry petitions relative to a repeal of all laws making a distinction between the whites and the blacks; when he made a report adverse to the prayer of the petitioners, accompanied by a bill for "An act to prevent the steal-

ing and enticing away of slaves from slave States." The report read. The bill was read the first time.

Mr. Pickering moved to lay the report on the table and print two thousand copies.

Mr. Herndon moved to lay the report and bill on the table; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Deskines and Boyakin, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Babbitt, Hardie, Harper, Herndon, Miller of Winnebago, Myers, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon and Wilkinson.—11.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Backenstos, Barnsback, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hanson, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Nye, O'Connor, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sherman, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—78.

The question was then taken on ordering the bill to a second reading, and decided in the affirmative.

The question was then taken on the motion made by Mr. Pickering, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Vineyard and Woollard, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Armstrong, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Haley, Hardie, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Janney, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, Miller of Adams, Moore, Morrille, Nye, Parrish, Pickering, Ricks, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Vineyard, Wagner, Wilcox, Williams, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn and Youngkin.—42.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Babbitt, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Emerson, Fletcher, Hanson, Harper, Harriott, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Jewell, Loop, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Warren, White of Menard, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—49.

Mr. Pickering moved to lay the report on the table, and print one thousand copies; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Morrison moved to dispense with the rules, and read the bill a second time by the title; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Hanson, from the committee on Counties, to which was referred a bill for "An act to establish the line between the counties of Gallatin and Hardin, reported the same back to the House, and recommended its passage. The bill was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Backenstos, from the committee on Counties, to which certain petitions were referred, reported a bill for "An act to create a justice of the peace and constable in the town of Plymouth, in Hancock county;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Backenstos,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Backenstos,

The rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Janney, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act for the relief of Thomas A. Nicholas," reported the same back to the House, and recommended its passage; when the bill was

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Denning,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Tunnel,

The rule was dispensed with, and a Senate bill for "An act for the relief of the heirs of George Finney, deceased," taken from the orders, and read the second time, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On the further motion of Mr. Tunnel, the rule was again dispensed with and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Miller of Fulton, from the committee on State Roads, to which was referred a bill for "An act to authorize the county commissioners of Putnam and Bureau counties to lease the ferry at Hennepin, and other purposes," reported the same back to the House, and recommended its passage; the bill was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Fulton,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act appointing a collector of the unpaid taxes for

1842, in Lawrence county," reported the same back to the House with an amendment, which was read and concurred in, and the bill as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in the amendments of the House to said bill.

Mr. Strong, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act respecting the probate of wills," reported the same back to the House, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Cushman, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred a bill for "An act to authorise the school commissioners of Tazewell and McLean counties to pay over school moneys to the counties of Woodford and Mason," reported the same back to the House, with an amendment as a substitute, which was read and concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Parrish, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred a bill for "An act to provide for a change and re location of part of the Darwin and Charleston turnpike," reported the same back to the House with amendments, which were read and concurred in; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act to incorporate the town of Tentopolis, in the county of Effingham," reported the same back to the House, with amendments, which were read and concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in the amendments to said bill.

Mr. Vedder, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Winnebago county, relative to the navigation of Rock River, reported the same back to the House, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, which was granted; when,

On motion of Mr. Miller of Winnebago,

The petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Cushman, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act concerning marriages,' and to provide a common school fund," reported the same back to the House, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Emerson moved to lay the bill on the table; which was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the call of Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, and Kuykendall, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Cochran, Cox, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harriett, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Janney, Lockard, Loop, Lott, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Morris, Morrison, Myers, O'Connor, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Rawlings, Ricks, Robbins, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Stewart, Thompson, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Williams and Yates.—50.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Arnold, Babbitt, Barnsback, Campbell, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Harper, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Kuykendall, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Prevo, Reed, Ross, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, Warren, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker—34.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Campbell, Secretary of State.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to lay before the House of Representatives, a communication in writing.

The Speaker laid before the House, a communication from the Governor, in answer to a resolution of the House, calling for a copy of the contract entered into between the canal bond-holders and the State of Illinois; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Speaker laid before the House, another communication from the Governor, on the subject of the engraved plates belonging to the State of Illinois, transmitting a letter from Col. Charles Oakley, upon the same subject. The communication and accompanying letter were read, and,

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

Referred to the same select committee to which the same subject had heretofore been referred.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Governor, transmitting two sets of resolutions of the State of Alabama. The communication and the first set of resolutions on the subject of the repudiation of State debts were read, and,

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

Referred to the select committee to which other resolutions on the same subject have been referred.

The other set of resolutions on various subjects of national policy, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

Referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

The Speaker laid before the House, another communication from the Governor, transmitting to the House of Representatives a letter from the Hon. Stephen A. Douglass, Representative in Congress from the State of Illinois, together with an essay written by an officer of the United States Navy on the subject of the defences of the northern lakes and western country, and the completion of the Illinois and Michigan canal. The communication from the Governor was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Denning,

Referred, with the letter and essay, to the Committee on Canal and Canal Lands.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Judd, a Senator:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have adopted the following resolution, in which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That the two Houses of the General Assembly will meet in the hall of the House of Representatives on Saturday the 22d February instant, at 7 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing a Judge of the Cook county Court, and a Prosecuting Attorney for Cook county; and also a Prosecuting Attorney for the seventh judicial circuit.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The Senate resolution, proposing the meeting of the two Houses on Saturday at 7 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing certain officers, was taken up, read, and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to regulate the salaries and compensation of the several officers and persons therein mentioned," was taken up for consideration, when

Mr. Thompson moved to amend the bill by adding the following section, viz:

"SEC. 20.—Supervisors, for every day necessarily employed on the public roads, over and above their poll and property tax, according to the provisions of the law in regard to public roads, shall be allowed seventy-five cents, paid out of the county treasury, to be verified on oath, on settlement with the County Commissioners' Court:—*Provided*, no Supervisor shall be allowed for a day's work, when he works with less than ten hands any one day."

The question was taken on the foregoing amendment, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Thompson and Anderson of St. Clair, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Backenstos, Bradley, Brown, Butler, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hanson, Harper, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, O'Connor, Pitner, Pratt, Randolph, Ricks, Ross, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, Thompson, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, Wilcox, Williams, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Armstrong, Babbitt, Barnsback, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hardie, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Janney, Kuykendall, Lockard, Loop, Lott, Miller of Adams, Morris, Nye, Parrish, Pickering, Prevo, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Stewart, Tunnel, Turley, Vineyard, Woollard, Wood and Mr. Speaker.—47.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill as amended read the third time by the title and passed, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Backenstos and Kuykendall, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hardie, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Janney, Kuykendall, Lockard, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, O'Connor, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Thompson, Tunnel, White of Menard, Wilcox, Williams, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Youngkin and Zieber—62.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Alexander, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Campbell, Cushman, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hanson, Harper, Herndon, Jackson of McHenry, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Nye, Reed, Scott of De Witt, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Stewart, Strong, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren and Mr. Speaker.—33.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

Leave was given him to withdraw the memorial of sundry citizens of Marion, relative to an increase of taxation, &c.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to re-annex the county of Cumberland to the county of Coles, and for other purposes."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of bills entitled as follows:

"An act for the relief of Lovell Kimball;"

"An act incorporating the Rockford Cemetery Association;"

"An act to incorporate the town of Belleville, in St. Clair county;" and

"An act extending the limits of Cass county."

The Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

"An act concerning the Territorial and other records of Illinois;"

"An act for the relief of Mary S. Curtin;"

"An act for the benefit of D. Kyle Stephenson;"

"An act to establish a ferry across the Mississippi river;" and

"An act to establish and maintain common schools."

In the passage of which, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of bills entitled as follows:

"An act to legalize the assessment of property in the county of Pulaski, for the year 1843, and for other purposes;"

"An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Rushville,' approved March 2, 1839;

"An act authorising recorders to appoint deputies;"

"An act to establish a ferry therein named;" and

"An act to incorporate Metropolis City."

The Senate have refused to order to a third reading a bill from the House of Representatives entitled,

"An act to exempt certain property from execution or other process, and for other purposes."

A bill for **"An act to provide for paying a portion of the interest on the State debt,"** coming up in its proper order, when

The question recurring on the adoption of the substitute for said bill proposed by the Committee on Finance,

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The amendment proposed by the Committee was amended by striking out the third section, and inserting the following in lieu thereof, viz:

"Sec. 3. The Governor is hereby directed, out of the proceeds of the said one and a half mills and surplus money, if any there should be, to make payments of interest, commencing on the first of July, 1846, and semi-annually thereafter on the 1st of July and January of each other, pro rata, on the Canal and internal improvement bonds, except bonds heretofore hypothecated to McAlister and Stebbins."

Mr. Boyakin moved further to amend the amendment proposed by the Committee by adding the following as an additional section:

"At the next general election, this act shall be submitted to the people for their approbation or rejection; and it shall be and hereby is made the duty of the judges and clerks of the same to open a poll for and against the same throughout the State; and the same shall not be in force unless it shall have received the approval of a majority of the legal voters of this State polled at said general election."

Mr. Aldrich moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table.

On motion of Mr. Sexton,

A call of the House was ordered; when it appeared that Mr. Anderson of Lawrence was absent.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question was then taken on the motion of Mr. Aldrich, to lay the

amendment proposed by Mr. Boyakin on the table, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Miller of Winnebago and Boyakin, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Butler, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Lockard, Logan, Loop, McDonald, Matthews, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Tunnel, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—60.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Hanson, Harriott, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Kuykendall, Lott, Metz, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Thompson, Turley, Vineyard, White of Washington, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Yates and Youngkin.—47.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The amendment proposed by the committee was further amended by adding the following at the end of the second section, viz:

“And the additional tax of one mill for the year 1845, and one and a half mills thereafter, shall be collected by the several collectors and paid into the treasury in gold and silver; and a separate account thereof shall be kept in the office of the Auditor and Treasurer; and Auditor's Warrants shall not be received therefor; and if the Treasurer or any other public officer shall appropriate the same or knowingly suffer the same to be appropriated, or drawn from the treasury for any other purpose than that provided by this act, he or they shall be deemed guilty of embezzlement, and shall be indicted and punished accordingly; and, on conviction, shall be removed from office.”

Mr. Yates moved to amend the substitute proposed by the Committee on Finance, by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting the following in lieu thereof, viz:

“That the Auditor of Public Accounts is hereby authorized and required to issue bonds in the sum of thousand dollars each, to the amount of dollars, the debt incurred on account of the State House and internal improvements; the said bonds to bear interest at the rate of three per centum interest per annum, to be drawn payable to bearer, and to be redeemable at the pleasure of the State.”

“**SEC. 2.** The proceeds of one mill of the tax for the year 1845, and one and one half mills for 1846, and two mills for the year 1847, and forever thereafter, together with all surplus money in the treasury after paying the expenses of the Government, shall be set apart and sacredly held for the payment of the interest on the State debt, and shall be called the “interest fund.”

“**SEC. 3.** That hereafter the proceeds in money arising from the sale of the public property under the act of March 3, 1843, entitled “An act

for the sale of public property and the payment of the public debt," be also set apart by the Treasurer with the revenues to be collected under the second section of this act."

"SEC. 4. That so much of the act of March 3, 1843, entitled "An act for the sale of public property and the payment of the public debt," as provides that internal improvement bonds and scrip shall be receivable in payment of said property is hereby repealed; and hereafter gold and silver and the certificates to be issued under section eighth of this act shall be alone receivable in payment for said property."

"SEC. 5. That if there shall be a deficiency, after the application of the means provided to be raised in the foregoing sections to pay said interest, it shall be the duty of the Governor to issue certificates to the amount of said deficiency, which certificates are hereby made receivable in payment for the public property hereafter to be sold under the act of March 4, 1843, entitled "An act for the sale of public property and the payment of the public debt."

"SEC. 6. That if there shall be a surplus after the application of the means aforesaid to pay said interest, the said surplus shall be set apart and constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal."

"SEC. 7. That the bonds issued under this act shall be placed in the hands of the Governor, and he is hereby authorised and required by means of said bonds to obtain the means necessary to pay the public debt; and for this purpose he may dispose of, sell or exchange said bonds for gold and silver, canal bonds and scrip, and internal improvement bonds and scrip, at the rate of one hundred dollars for one hundred dollars."

"SEC. 8. All the aforesaid interest fund shall be kept in the State treasury, and shall there remain subject to the draft of the Governor, who is hereby authorised and required to draw the same from time to time, as the interest on said bonds may become due, and be presented for payment and to pay the same to the holders of said bonds on the first day of July of each year; provided, that if at any time of the payment of the interest aforesaid, there shall be a deficiency to pay the whole amount of said interest, the same shall be paid out to the bond-holders pro rata."

"SEC. 9. That for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act, the Auditor shall provide his office with a well bound book or books, in which he shall transcribe each and every bond issued, and enter the date of issuing, and to whom issued. In the same books shall be transcribed the bonds or scrip received by the Governor, and an entry be made of the time of their reception and of whom received. In the same books shall be transcribed the certificates to be issued under this act, and an entry be made of the date of issuing the same and to whom issued. In the same book, shall be entered a description of all moneys received under this act from the sale of the public property, for what property received, and of whom, and when received.

"SEC. 10. The Governor and Auditor of Public Accounts are hereby required to make report of their proceedings under this act at each session of the Legislature, to both the Senate and House of Representatives."

Pending the question on the amendment,

On motion,

The House adjourned till seven o'clock, P. M.

SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Loop, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled and this day laid before the Council of Revision, bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to legalize the acts of certain officers in Pulaski county;"

"An act to authorise the collection of the taxes of Jackson county for the year 1842;"

"An act to vacate a certain town plat therein named;"

"An act extending the time for completing the assessment of taxable property in Schuyler county;"

"An act to authorise the county commissioners' court of Peoria to levy a special tax for the purpose of building a jail;"

"An act for the relief of the heirs of Thomas W. Tanner, deceased;"

"An act to regulate practice in the supreme and circuit courts;"

"An act to incorporate Ewing Seminary in the counties of White and Wayne;"

"An act for the relief of Horatio T. Ellis;"

"An act to authorise the Secretary of State to subscribe for certain periodical works;" and

"An act to authorise the canal commissioner to pay certain moneys to Jeremiah Crotty."

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled and this day laid before the Council of Revision, a bill for "An act for the relief of certain persons therein named."

The bill for "An act to provide for paying a portion of the interest on the State debt," with the pending substitute coming up for consideration,

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

A call of the House was ordered.

The names being called, it appeared that the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Boyakin, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Cox, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Fletcher, Haley, Hannaford, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Matthews, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrison, Nye, Parrish, Pickering, Pratt, Reed, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Warren, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn and Zieber.—50.

Pending the call,

Mr. Burnett, on leave, reported from the select committee to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act for the relief of the heirs of Tyler D. Hewett, deceased, and to adjust the claims of the State of Illinois against said Hewett, as former commissioner of saline lands in Gallatin county," reported the same back to the House, and recommended its passage. The bill was then

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Burnett,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Deskines, on leave, from the select committee to which was referred a bill for "An act to change the county line between Menard and Mason counties," reported the same back to the House and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Vedder, on leave, from the select committee to which was referred a bill for "An act authorising the school commissioner of Greene county to sell certain property purchased on execution," reported the same back to the House and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Vedder,

The rule was dispensed with and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Strong, on leave, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act in relation to the city of Springfield and the town of Jacksonville," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its rejection.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question recurring on the amendment proposed by Mr. Yates,

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

Said amendment was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The substitute proposed by the Committee was amended by striking out the "fourth" and "eighth" sections.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The proposed substitute was amended in the sixth section, by adding, at the end of the first line, the following words, "act and decide in all cases; and their acts shall bind all parties;" and strike out the words, in the second line, "bind the whole."

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The proposed substitute was further amended, by adding, at the end of the seventh section, the following proviso:

Provided, That the subscribers to said loan shall have the right to subscribe and fill up the amount necessary to finish said Canal in the first instance; and if they neglect so to do, then any other person may subscribe such amount; and provided further, that such subscribers may register bonds upon such subscriptions as herein before provided within one year after such subscription."

Mr. Huffman moved to amend the proposed substitute, by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

"Sec. 12. That, upon entering into a contract for the loan to the State of \$1,600,000 for the completion of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, agreeably to the provisions of "An act to provide for the completion of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, and for the payment of the Canal debt," approved Feb. 21, 1843, the Governor shall first require and obtain from the Canal bond-holders, a full release from the pledge of the faith and credit of the State securing the payment of said bonds."

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The bill and proposed amendments were referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to establish and maintain common schools," was taken from the orders of the day, read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion,

The House adjourned.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Dresser.

Mr. Nye, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act for the benefit of James Hood, a minor."

Mr. Loop, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act for the permanent location of the seat of justice of Kendall county."

On motion of Mr. Loop,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill just reported by him as correctly engrossed, was taken up, read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Pitner,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to provide for the collection of taxes for the year 1843, in Clay county, and to legalise the assessment of taxes in said county for the year 1844," was taken from the orders of the day, read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of bills entitled: "An act to incorporate the Oswego Manufacturing Company;" and "An act to attach a part of De Witt county to the county of Logan."

A message from the Council of Revision, by Mr. Hawley, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to say that the Council of Revision has approved bills of the following titles, to wit:

"An act to amend 'An act to incorporate the Alton Marine and Fire Insurance Company,'" approved Feb. 7, 1835, and of the various supplements thereto.

"An act to authorise the Canal Commissioner to pay certain moneys to Jeremiah Crotty;"

"An act for the relief of Horatio T. Ellis;"

"An act to incorporate Ewing Seminary in the counties of White and Wayne;"

"An act to vacate a certain town plat therein named;"

"An act to authorise the collection of the taxes of Jackson county for the year 1842;"

"An act for the relief of Jesse Murphy, late a collector of Christian county;"

"An act to legalize the acts of certain officers in Pulaski county;"

"An act for the relief of certain persons therein named;"

"An act for the relief of the heirs of Thomas W. Tanner, deceased;"

"An act to authorise the county commissioners' court of Peoria to levy a special tax for the purpose of building a jail;"

"An act to regulate practice in the supreme and circuit courts;"

"An act relative to criminal jurisprudence;"

"An act extending the time for completing the assessment of taxable property in Schuyler county;"

"An act for the permanent improvement of the navigation of the Bon Pas creek;"

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to apportion the representation of the several counties of this State,'" approved Feb. 26, 1841;

"An act to authorise the Secretary of State to subscribe for certain periodical works;" and

"An act to amend an act relative to wills and testaments, executors and administrators, and the settlement of estates."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have indefinitely postponed the consideration of the bill of the House, entitled "An act to remove certain mill dams therein named."

The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of a bill entitled: "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act concerning the 16th section, township one south, range five west, lying in the counties of Washington and Clinton,'" in force Feb. 23, 1843; and

"An act supplemental to 'An act to incorporate the Spoon river Navigation Company,'" approved March 3, 1837; the latter bill with amendments, in which the Senate ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act organising a school district in Vermilion, and authorising the sale of school lands therein," was taken from the orders of the day, read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

Leave of absence, for three days, was granted to Mr. Pratt, Representative from the county of Cass.

Mr. Gregg, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill for "An act to provide for paying a portion of the interest on the State debt," together with the substitute heretofore proposed by the committee, and the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Huffman, reported the same back with an amendment, and recommended the rejection of the amendment proposed by Mr. Huffman.

Mr. Hick moved the previous question.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

A call of the House was ordered; when it appeared that all the members were present, except those sick, or absent on leave.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The vote was then taken on ordering the main question, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Brinkley and Huffman, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Bradley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Denning, Deskines, Gregg, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Hick, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Kuykendall, Logan, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Randolph, Ricks, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Thompson, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood and Zieber—60.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Haley, Hanson, Herndon, Hicks, Huffman, Janney, Lockard, Lott, Matthews, Metz, Moore, Morris, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Strong, Tunnel, Turley, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Washington, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—48.

Mr. Huffman called for a division of the question, so as to take the vote on each amendment separately.

The vote was then taken on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. Huffman, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Huffman and Sexton, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Hanson, Harriott, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Lockard, Moore, Morris,

Morrison, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Thompson, Turley, Vineyard, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates and Youngkin.—14.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Randolph, Ricks, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Tunnel, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—64.

The question recurred on concurring with the committee in their proposed amendment to the substitute, and was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Hicks, and Davis of Williamson, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Washington, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—100.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Barnsback, Boyakin, Campbell, Emerson and Hanson.—7.

✓ The question recurring on the adoption of the substitute proposed by the Committee on Finance to the original bill, as amended, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Boyakin, and Davis of Williamson, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Dunbar, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Parrish, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Ross,

Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Tunnel, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—70.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson, of St. Clair, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Kuykendall, Moore, Morris, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Thompson, Turley, Vineyard, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Youngkin.—38.

The question was then taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Boyakin and Benedict, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arcenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Tunnel, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—67.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Kuykendall, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Thompson, Turley, Vineyard, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Youngkin—41.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title; when the question was taken on the passage of the bill, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Bradley and Sexton, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arcenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of M'Lean, Deskines, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hitt, Jackson of M'Henry, Janney, Jewell, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Tunnel, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—66.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Kuykendall, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Thompson, Turley, Vineyard, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Youngkin.—42.

Mr. Sexton moved to amend the title of the bill by striking it out, and inserting the following in lieu thereof, viz:

“A bill for an act to increase the State debt; or the British grant;” when,

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The proposed amendment was laid on the table.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion,

The House adjourned till 7 o'clock, P. M.

SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

A Senate bill for “An act concerning the territorial and other records of Illinois,” was taken up for consideration, and read the first time, and *Ordered* to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Denning,

The rule was dispensed with, and the engrossed bill for “An act for the relief of Isaac Demint,” was taken from the orders of the day, and referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Denning, Kuykendall and Vineyard be that committee.

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

Resolved, That the Clerk inform the Senate that the House of Representatives are now ready to receive them in the Hall of the House to proceed to the election of certain officers.

The foregoing resolution was communicated to the Senate, and before the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House of Representatives,

Mr. Miller of Winnebago, from the committee on Retrenchment, to which was referred the memorial of Albert Gallatin and John Jay, on the subject of public documents, on leave, reported the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the Governor be authorized to comply with the memorial of Albert Gallatin and John Jay, in behalf of the New York Historical Society, dated March 8th, 1844, and to deliver to the order of said society, a copy of all the documents which may be published by order of the Legislature; and also, of any documents heretofore published, of which there

may remain any disposable copies, and that the Governor transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of said society.

The resolution was read, and before the question was taken upon its adoption, the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House, preceded by their Speaker; when the Speaker of the House of Representatives announced to the two Houses, that they had met in pursuance of a joint resolution for the purpose of electing a Judge for the Cook county court; also, a prosecuting attorney for Cook county, and a State's attorney for the seventh judicial circuit; when

Mr. Arnold, of the House, nominated Hugh T. Dickey, for Judge of the Cook county court.

Mr. Sexton, of the House, nominated Henry Brown for the same office.

The Speaker of the House appointed Mr. Matteson, of the Senate, and Mr. Benedict, of the House of Representatives, tellers.

The two Houses then proceeded to vote, by ballot, for a Judge of the Cook county court. The votes being received and counted, it appeared that

Hugh T. Dickey received 35 votes;

Stephen G. Hicks received 36 votes;

Henry Brown received 15 votes;

Blank and scattering, 17 votes.

No quorum voting, there was no election; when,

On motion of Mr. Nunnally, of the Senate,

A call of the two Houses was ordered, and after some time spent therein,

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Dougherty, of the Senate, nominated Richard J. Hamilton, and

Mr. Davis, of the Senate, nominated David B. Campbell; and the two Houses proceeded to a second vote, when it appeared, on counting the votes, that

Hugh T. Dickey received 46 votes;

Stephen G. Hicks received 28 votes;

David B. Campbell received 21 votes;

Henry Brown received 6 votes;

Scattering, 14 votes.

No person having received a majority of all the votes given, the two Houses proceeded to a third vote. The votes being received and counted, it appeared that

Hugh T. Dickey received 54 votes;

David B. Campbell received 47 votes;

Scattering, 13 votes.

No person having yet received a majority of all the votes given, the two Houses proceeded to vote the fourth time; and the votes being received and counted, it appeared that

Hugh T. Dickey received 66 votes;

David B. Campbell received 50 votes;

Scattering, 10 votes.

Hugh T. Dickey having received a majority of all the votes given was, by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, declared duly elected Judge of the Cook County Court.

The two Houses then proceeded to the election of a prosecuting attorney for Cook county; when Mr. Judd, of the Senate, nominated Patrick Ballingall; when,

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

The vote was taken by acclamation, and Patrick Ballingall declared, by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, duly elected prosecuting attorney for Cook county.

The two Houses then proceeded to the election of a State's attorney for the seventh judicial circuit; when

Mr. Matteson, of the Senate, nominated William A. Boardman.

On motion of Mr. Collins,

The vote was taken by acclamation, and William A. Boardman was, by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, declared duly elected State's attorney for the seventh judicial circuit.

The two Houses having finished the business for which they met, the Senate withdrew; and,

On motion,

The House adjourned until Monday, 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hale.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule was dispensed with, and Senate chapter 59 of Revised Statutes, was taken from the orders of the day, read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the chapter read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and said chapter read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce a bill for "An act in relation to the Revised Statutes;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The bill was amended by adding the following as an additional clause: "And no part thereof shall become a law, or be published, until the whole is finished."

The bill as amended, was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Henderson presented the remonstrance of Marain Tryon and twenty-three other citizens of Henderson county, against the incorporation of the Henderson County Turnpike Road Company; which was read, and on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Henderson also presented the petition of one hundred and three citizens of the counties of Henderson, Mercer and Rock Island, praying the location of a State road from Oquaka, in Henderson county, to Camden, in Rock Island county; which, without reading, was, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Davis of McLean, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred a bill for "An act for the relief of James M. Jones, of Galatin county;" reported the same back with an amendment as a substitute; which was read and concurred in, and the bill as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Constable, a Senator:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have passed a bill entitled "An act to establish the times of holding circuit courts in the first judicial circuit."

In which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Gregg, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill for "An act for the relief of James Ryan," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration a bill for "An act regulating the assessment and collection of the public revenue;" Mr. Hicks in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose, and, through their Chairman, reported that they had had said bill under consideration, and had made some amendments thereto, and had directed him to ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill and pending amendments; which was granted, when

Mr. Strong moved that the bill and amendments be referred to the Committee on Finance, with the following instructions, viz:

"To report a bill providing merely, that the assessor shall as far as practicable, assess upon actual inspection of the property assessed, instead of the mode now provided; fixing more definitely the time of sale, providing for the disposition of lands bid in by the State, and fixing the fees of clerks for certificates of sale and other expenses attending sale and fees of officers."

Mr. Churchill moved to amend the proposed instructions by adding the following, viz:

"So much of any act as requires a judgment by the circuit court before lands can be sold for taxes, is hereby repealed."

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The proposed amendment to the amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Ross moved to lay the amendments and proposed instructions on the table; which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on referring the bill and amendments to the Committee on Finance with instructions,

Mr. Ross called for a division of the question so as to take the vote first on referring the bill and amendments to the Committee on Finance; which was agreed to, and the bill and amendments referred to the Committee on Finance.

The question was then taken on the instructions and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Brinkley moved to dispense with the rule and take up for consideration a Senate bill for "An act to alter and amend the law concerning interest on money and usury on money;" which was not agreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills entitled:

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to amend the several acts in relation to common schools,' passed March 4, 1837;

"An act authorising certain lands to be flooded;"

"An act for certain purposes therein named;"

"An act to establish a ferry across the Illinois river in La Salle county."

In the passage of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of bills entitled:

"An act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace and constables, in forcible entry and detainer, and forcible detainer;" and

"An act to extend the corporate powers of the town of Peru."

Mr. Parrish, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition and claim of John H. Deck, asking compensation for the apprehension of John Dormer, a convict for the crime of rape, reported the same back to the House and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject; which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

Leave was given him to withdraw the papers above mentioned.

Mr. Cushman, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred a bill for "An act to legalize the acts of the trustees of the town of Chester, in Randolph county," reported the same back to the House with an amendment, which was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill as amended be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Robbins,

The rule was dispensed with and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

The resolution reported on yesterday from the Committee on Retrenchment, on the subject of granting public documents to the New York Historical Society, coming up in its proper order for consideration,

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The resolution was amended by adding the following proviso, viz:

“Provided, That the same shall not be done at the expense of this State.”

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule of the House was dispensed with, and a bill for “An act for the relief of the infant heirs of John Norris, deceased;” was taken up and read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Hannaford, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred a Senate bill for “An act to establish and maintain common schools,” reported the same back to the House without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Morrison moved to amend the bill by striking out the fifty-eighth section and inserting the following, viz:

“No school shall derive any benefit from the public or township fund unless the teacher of said school shall have first procured a certificate from a majority of the school directors of said district certifying the capacity of the teacher to teach reading, writing, English grammar, geography and the history of the United States in the English language.”

The proposed amendment was read, and

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

Laid on the table by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Arenz and Parrish, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Barnsback, Benedict, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Myers, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Youngkin and Zieber—64.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Arenz, Boyakin, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hicks, Kuykendall, McDonald, Morrison, O'Connor, Parrish, Ricks, Ross, Sharp, Vedder, Wagner, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wood, Woodburn and Woollard.—28.

On motion of Mr. Zieber,

The previous question was ordered. The bill was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Davis of McLean moved that the rule be dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by the title, and before the question was taken,

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to incorporate the Roscoe cemetery," was read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Henderson,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to authorise the county of Stephenson to levy a special tax for counties," was read the second time by the title; when

On motion of Mr. Smith of Stephenson,

Said bill was amended by adding the following as an addition section, viz:

"That the county commissioners' court of Ogle county be, and they are hereby authorised to levy five mills upon the dollar of all taxable property in said county, for the year 1845 and 1846, for county purposes, any law to the contrary notwithstanding."

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to create the county of Oakland, and for other purposes," was read the second time by the title; when

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

The bill was laid on the table, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. O'Connor and Funkhouser, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Barnsback, Benedict, Brown, Burnett, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Parrish, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Wagner, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates and Zieber.—65.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Babbitt, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Campbell, Cox, Funkhouser, Hanson, Kuykendall, Lott, McDonald, O'Connor, Pitner, Pratt, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Strong, Vedder, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Youngkin.—27.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of bills entitled as follows:

"An act concerning school funds in Peoria county;"

"An act to encourage the apprehension of horse thieves;"

"An act to authorize William C. Tiffany and David Cory to re-survey a street therein named;"

"An act to vacate the survey and plat of the subdivision of lots eight, nine and ten, in block one, in Randolph's addition to the city of Quincy;"

"An act to locate a State road therein named;"

"An act to locate a State road in the county of Cook;"

"An act to legalize the acts of Andrew Deardorff, former acting Clerk of the County Commissioners' Court of Union county;"

"An act to change the name of a town therein mentioned;" and

"An act establishing Mordock precinct in Monroe county."

The Senate have also concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of bills entitled as follows, with amendments, in which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

"An act to authorize Joseph Cox and others to construct a mill-dam on the Mississippi river;"

"An act to authorize John Foster and others to construct a mill-dam on the Mississippi river;" and

"An act to limit the jurisdiction of justices of the peace."

The Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

"An act to incorporate the Chicago and Juliet Turnpike Company;" and

"An act in relation to certain mill-dams in the Little Wabash river."

In which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have also concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of a bill, entitled "An act to provide for the collection of taxes for the year 1843, in Clay county, and to legalize the assessment of taxes in said county for the year 1844."

Mr. Nye, from the Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, chapters 15, 77 and 13 of the revised Statutes.

Mr. Deskines moved to take up a Senate bill for "An act to alter and amend the law concerning interest on money and usury;" when,

On motion of Mr. Cushman,

A call of the House was ordered, and it appeared that the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Arnold, Gregg, Hicks, Sherman, Tunnel, Vineyard and Warren.—7.

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question was then taken on the motion made by Mr. Deskines, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Logan moved to amend the bill, by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

"None of the forfeitures in this act contained, shall apply to any note or bond in the hands of a bona fide holder of the same, without notice of usury."

On motion of Mr. Anderson, of Lawrence,

The proposed amendment was laid on the table, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Huffman and Deskines, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Harriott, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Youngkin.—60.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Fletcher, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Logan, Loop, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Pratt, Rawlings, Ross, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Yates and Zieber.—48.

Mr. Kuykendall moved to fill the blank in the last section of the bill, by inserting the word "April;" when,

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The previous question was ordered.

The question then recurring on the motion made by Mr. Kuykendall, it was decided in the affirmative.

The question was then taken on the passage of the bill, as amended, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Deskines and Sharp, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Haley, Hanson, Harriott, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Adams, Morris, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Washington, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Youngkin.—65.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Boyakin, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Fletcher, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Logan, Loop, Manning, Matthews, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Rawlings, Ricks, Smith of Sangamon, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Yates and Zieber.—44.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lawrence,

A bill for "An act to lease the Penitentiary," was taken up; when,

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

A bill for "An act to provide for printing the laws as compiled by this General Assembly, and letting the same to the lowest responsible bidder, was taken up, and read the third time.

Mr. Herndon moved to amend the bill, by adding the following proviso:

"*Provided*, That the bidder who obtains by his bid the printing, shall be a citizen of this State."

On motion of Mr. Babbitt,

The proposed amendment was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Zieber,

The bill was amended by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

"It shall be the duty of the printer to press the printed sheets of the said laws, before they are delivered to the binder."

The bill, as amended, was then passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of bills entitled

"An act in relation to the Revised Statutes ;"

"An act for the relief of the late collector of Shelby county ;"

"An act for the permanent location of the seat of justice of Kendall county ;"

"An act authorizing the sale of seminary lands in Champaign county ;"

"An act organizing a school district in Vermilion county, and authorizing the sale of school lands therein;" and

"An act for the relief of James M. Jones of Gallatin county."

The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act supplemental to 'An act to reduce the public debt one million of dollars, and to put the Bank of Illinois into liquidation.'"

In the passage of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

A Senate bill for "An act to establish and maintain common schools," was taken up.

The question being on the passage of the bill, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Arenz and Kuykendall, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hen-

dry, Hick, Hicks, Hitt, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber—85.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Arenz, Barnsback, Bradley, Churchill, Cochran, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Huffman, Morrison, O'Connor, Parrish, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Sangamon, Turley, White of Menard, White of Washington, Whiteside and Wood.—19.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Hannaford,

A Senate bill for "An act to amend an act entitled "An act to amend the several acts in relation to common schools," passed 4th March, 1837, was taken up, read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title; when

Mr. Arenz moved to amend the bill by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

"No school shall derive any benefit from the public or township fund, unless the English language is taught in said school; *Provided*, That this section may not apply to those who may desire to study any foreign language for the purpose of learning the same, any law to the contrary notwithstanding."

Mr. Morrison moved to amend the proposed amendment, by striking out the same, and inserting the following as a substitute, viz:

"The fifty-eighth section of an act entitled "An act to establish and maintain common schools," shall not be so construed as to apply to any school where the English language is taught."

The question being taken on the adoption of the proposed substitute, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. O'Connor and Yates, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Boyakin, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hanson, Harper, Harriott, Hendry, Huffman, Lockard, Logan, Lott, Matthews, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, Prevo, Robbins, Ross, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Stewart, Strong, Warren, White of Menard, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Yates and Youngkin.—49.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St Clair, Benedict, Brinkley, Churchill, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Haley, Hannaford, Henderson, Herndon, Janney, Kuykendall, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morris, Oglesby, Parrish,

Pitner, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Thompson, Turley, Wagner, White of Scott and Zieber.—35.

Mr. Thompson moved to amend the bill by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

“SEC. 12. On the presentation of a petition of twenty legal voters of any township in this State to the trustees of schools, for the alteration of the rate of interest on the school money in such township, the trustees of such township shall forthwith proceed to notify the inhabitants, by posting up written or printed notices in three of the most public places in the township, setting forth the time when, and place where, an election will be holden to vote for or against altering the rate of interest; which rate of interest shall not be reduced lower than eight per cent., and at whatever rate of interest between eight per cent. and twelve per cent., the majority of the legal votes polled shall agree to loan their school money. The school commissioner of the county, or the township treasurer, as the case may be, shall proceed to loan the money in such township, or reduce the interest on the loans already made by them, the interest then due being paid. Said trustees shall put up the notices at least fifteen days previous to said election; two of the trustees acting as clerks of the election, and the other as judge. A certificate of the result of the election from the trustees to the school commissioner or treasurer, as the case may be, shall be sufficient evidence of the wishes of the inhabitants of such township, in regard to their school money; and it is further provided, that the city of Chicago, by a vote of the majority of the common council, may loan the school fund belonging to said city, at not more than twelve per cent., nor less than eight per cent. per annum.”

Mr. Morrison moved a call of the House; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Parrish moved to amend the proposed amendment, by adding the following, viz:

“*Provided*, further, That no part of said fund, where the interest is fixed at a higher rate than eight per cent. per annum, shall be loaned to any citizen in any other township than the one where the interest is fixed at a higher rate than eight per cent. per annum.”

(On motion of Mr. Butler,

The amendment proposed by Mr. Parrish was laid on the table, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Parrish and Cushman, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Nye, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Turley, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—78.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Armstrong, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Cushman, Emerson, Funkhouser, Janney, Kuykendall, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Ricks, White of Washington, White-side, Woodburn and Woollard.—21.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. Thompson, and decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The amendment was amended by striking out the word 'between,' and inserting 'not less than;' also, by striking out the word 'and,' in the same line, and inserting, 'not more than.'

Mr. Churchill moved further to amend, by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

"Nothing in the act to which this is a supplement, shall be so construed as to authorize the voters of any school district to tax the property of any person who does not reside in such school district."

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The proposed amendment was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The bill and proposed amendment were referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, a bill for "An act to incorporate Metropolis city."

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

A bill for "An act to facilitate the collection of debts by executors and administrators, in desperate cases," was taken up for consideration, and read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Babbitt,

A bill for "An act making appropriations for the pay and expenses of the Illinois militia, called into service by the commander in chief during the year 1844," was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title; when

Mr. Backenstos moved to amend the bill by striking out the sixth, seventh and eighth clauses in the first section.

On motion of Mr. Yates,

The motion to amend was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

The main question was ordered. The bill was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title.

Mr. Nye moved to amend the bill by adding the following as an additional section:

"To G. S. Myers and Aaron Pawley, for provisions and ammunition furnished the 36th regiment, thirty-five dollars."

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The main question was ordered.

The question recurring on the amendment proposed by Mr. Nye, it was decided in the negative.

The question was then taken on the passage of the bill, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Nye and Backenstos, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Burnett, Churchill, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, O'Connor, Pitner, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Thompson, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams, Woollard and Yates.—61.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Backenstos, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Hanson, Jewell, Morris, Nye, Parrish, Pickering, Prevo, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Wood, Woodburn and Youngkin.—27.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion,

The House adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Edson.

Mr. Dunbar presented the petition of sundry citizens of Coles and Clark counties, asking a change in the Darwin and Charleston turnpike; which, without reading, was, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Jackson of McHenry presented the petition of sundry citizens of Kishwakie precinct, McHenry county, praying the passage of a law to provide for the election of an additional justice of the peace and constable in said precinct; which, without reading, was on his motion, referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Jackson of McHenry,

The petitions and remonstrances, heretofore presented from citizens of Kishwakie precinct, relative to the same subject, were taken from the table, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Aldrich presented the petition of sundry citizens of Jo Daviess county, remonstrating against the passage of the interest bill; which, without reading, was, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Aldrich presented the petition of sundry citizens of Carroll county, remonstrating against the passage of a certain bill therein named; and praying the passage of the road bill now before the House; which, without reading, was, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Arenz presented the remonstrance of thirty-five citizens of township 17 north, 9 west, in Morgan and Cass counties, against the relief of Stephen Lee; which without reading, was, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Zieber presented the petition of sundry citizens of Ellisville, in Fulton county, in relation to the division of said county; which, without reading was, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Kirkpatrick presented the petition of sundry citizens of Montgomery county, praying the re-charter of the State Bank of Illinois; which, without reading, was, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Kirkpatrick presented the petition of sundry citizens of Montgomery county, praying for the location of a State road therein named; which, without reading, was, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Sherman presented the petition of sundry citizens of the city of Chicago, praying for the repeal of the thirty-second section of the revenue law; which, without reading, was, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Sherman presented the petition of R. K. Swift, praying a reduction of interest in this State; which, without reading, was, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Sherman presented the petition of sundry citizens of this State, praying an increase of revenue in this State; which, without reading, was, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act for the formation of the county of Van Buren."

Mr. Cushman, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill for "An act for the settlement of the accounts of James Shepherd, late collector of Sangamon county;" reported the same back, with an amendment, as a substitute; which was read and concurred in; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cushman,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Gregg, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act to perfect the apportionment of school funds to Will county," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Logan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill for "An act to fix the times of holding courts in the counties of Christian, Logan and Menard;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Arnold, from the Committee on the Canal and Canal Lands, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act to authorize the acting canal commissioner to exchange certain lands with Jeremiah Crotty," reported the same back, with an amendment; which was read, and concurred in, and the bill as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Strong, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which were referred sundry petitions on the subject, reported a bill for "An act for the better security of mechanics and others erecting buildings, and furnishing materials for the same, within the county of Madison;" which was read and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title; when

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

The bill was amended by striking out the words "county of Madison," wherever they occur, and inserting in lieu thereof, "State of Illinois."

The bill as amended was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The title was amended by striking out the words "in the county of Madison."

Ordered, That the title be as amended, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills entitled:

"An act to vacate a part of the town plat of the town of Perry, in the county of Pike;"

"An act to dispose of lands stricken off to the State for taxes, and for other purposes;"

"An act supplemental to 'An act to establish and maintain common schools;'"

In the passage of which, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of bills entitled:

“An act to authorize the school commissioner of La Salle county to pay over certain money to townships 29 and 30 north, range one east of the third principal meridian.

“An act to authorize the school commissioner of Montgomery county to settle a certain demand;”

“An act to authorize the counties of Boone and Winnebago to levy certain taxes for county purposes;” and

“An act to amend the charter of the city of Alton.”

The Senate have also concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of bills, as amended by them, of the following titles:

“An act to authorize the school commissioners of Tazewell and McLean counties to pay over school moneys to the counties of Woodford and Mason;” and

“An act for the relief of Amos Durbin.”

In which amendments I am also directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in their amendments to Senate bills entitled:

“An act to incorporate the town of Tentopolis, in the county of Effingham;”

“An act appointing a collector of the unpaid taxes for 1842, in Lawrence county;”

“An act to authorize the acting canal commissioner to exchange certain lands with Jeremiah Crotty;” and

“An act to alter and amend the law concerning interest on money, and usury.”

The Senate have refused to concur with the House of Representatives in their amendment to the resolution of the Senate, proposing to authorize the Governor to receive the interest bonds hypothecated to McAllister and Stebbins, at twenty-six cents on the dollar.

Mr. Wilkinson, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred a bill for “An act to provide for the sale of certain property therein described,” reported the same back to the House, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Hick moved that the rule be dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Hannaford, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred certain petitions, reported a bill for “An act to revalue school lands in Hancock county;” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Backenstos,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Davis of Williamson from the Committee on Militia, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act for the regulation and government of the militia of the State of Illinois;" reported the same back to the House and recommended its passage.

Mr. Ross moved to lay the bill upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Williamson,

A call of the House was ordered.

The names being called it appeared that Messrs. Arenz, Cushman, Dunbar, Hannaford, Hitt, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Loop, Lott, Miller of Winnebago, Morrison, Pickering, Sherman, Whiteside and Wilkinson, 15, were absent.

After some time spent under the call,

On motion of Mr. Bradley,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with, and the question of laying the bill on the table, was taken, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Turley and Davis of Williamson, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Brown, Cochran, Cox, Davis of McLean, Emerson, Fletcher, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Hendry, Herndon, Janney, Jewell, Lockard, Logan, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Myers, Nye, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Starne, Strong, Tunnel, White of Scott, Wilcox, Williams, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber.—51.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Arnold, Barnsback, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Collins, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Henderson, Hick, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, McDonald, Miller of Adams, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Ricks, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn, Woolard and Mr. Speaker.—44.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled and this day laid before the Council of Revision, the following acts, to wit:

"An act to incorporate the Chrystal Lake Academy, in McHenry county;"

"An act to vacate the town plat of the town of Brooklyn;"

"An act to legalize the assessment of property in the county of Pulaski for the year 1843, and for other purposes;"

"An act to authorise Lucius Wells to keep a ferry across the Mississippi river;"

"An act limiting the power of taxation in the city of Chicago;"

"An act to vacate the town plat of Kingston;"

"An act respecting the probate of wills;"

"An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Rushville,' " approved March 2, 1839;

"An act making certain fords a part of public roads;"

“An act vacating a certain street in Menard county;”

“An act for the protection of and summary mode of recovery for trespass committed upon the commons of Prairie Du Rocher;” and

“An act to extend the corporate powers of the town of Peru.”

He also reported as correctly engrossed, bills of the following titles, viz:

“An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act to provide for a change and relocation of a part of Darwin and Charleston turnpike;’”

“An act to establish the county line dividing Gallatin and Hardin counties;” and

“An act to authorise justices of the peace to take recognizances in certain cases.”

Mr. Logan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill for “An act to liquidate certain claims against the State of Illinois;” which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

On motion of Mr. Collins,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a bill for “An act to incorporate the Aurora and Chicago Plank Road Company,” reported the same back to the House with an amendment, which was read and concurred in, and the bill as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Benedict, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a Senate bill for “An act for the relief of Wilson Rea and John Golden,” reported the same back to the House, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject; when the bill was

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill was read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Miller of Fulton, from the Committee on State Roads, to which was referred a Senate bill for “An act to establish a State road from Columbia, on the Illinois river, to John Andrew’s cabinet shop, on the State road leading from Carrollton to Newport;” reported the same back to the House, and recommended the passage of the bill.

Ordered that the bill be read a third time.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Fulton,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Armstrong, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act for the relief of Henry Castor and others;" reported the same back to the House and recommended its passage.

The bill was

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by its title.

Mr. Benedict moved to amend the bill by adding the following, viz:

"That James Mitchell be, and he is hereby released from a judgment rendered against him in the Shelby county circuit court, as security for the appearance of William Mitchell."

Mr. Yates moved to refer the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Logan moved to amend the bill by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

"That George Passfield and James Shepherd be released from the recognizance and judgment rendered thereon as securities of L. S. Cornwell, in the circuit court of Sangamon county."

On motion of Mr. Denning,

The proposed amendment of Mr. Logan was laid on the table.

The question was then taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Benedict, and decided in the negative.

Mr. Yates moved to amend the bill by striking out the third section; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Benedict moved to amend the bill by adding the following as an additional section:

"That the county commissioners' court of Shelby county be, and hereby is, authorised to release and discharge James Mitchell from a judgment rendered against him in the circuit court of said county, as the security of William Mitchell; *Provided*, that the said James Mitchell shall first pay all the costs which have accrued in said cause."

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The main question was ordered.

The question was then taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Benedict, and decided in the affirmative.

The question was then taken on the passage of the bill, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Logan and Davis of McLean.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Bradley, Brown, Burnett, Cochran, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Funkhouser, Hendry, Kuykendall, McDonald, Matthews, Morrison, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Rawlings, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Tunnel, Turley, Vineyard, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Mr. Speaker.—30.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Barnsback, Boyakin, Brinkley, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Collins, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Jackson of

McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morille, Morris, Myers, Nye, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Warren, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Williams and Yates.—58.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act for the location of certain State roads therein named, and for the vacation of other State roads."

Mr. Jackson of McHenry, from the committee on State roads, to which was referred a petition, reported a bill for "An act to locate a State road from Mount Sterling, in Brown county, to Griggsville, in Pike county."

On motion of Mr. Nye,

The rule was dispensed with, the bill read the first time by the title, and
Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Nye,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Starne,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Logan, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act entitled 'An act to incorporate the city of Springfield,'" reported the same back to the House, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Ross, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill for "An act regulating the assessment and collection of the public revenue," with pending amendments and instructions, reported a substitute for the original bill and amendments, which was read; when,

Mr. Logan moved to amend the substitute proposed by the committee, by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

"So much of any act or acts as makes the deed of the Collector or any Sheriff for land sold for taxes, conclusive evidence, that the land was advertised for the time and in the manner required by law, or of any other fact or proceedings, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed, and said deed shall only be *prima facie* evidence of such facts."

The question was taken on the amendment to the substitute, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Hanson moved further to amend the substitute in the 45th section, second line, after the words 'Auditor's warrants.' Strike out the words 'and in no other currency,' and insert 'or in good current bank notes, on specie paying banks.'

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The main question was ordered.

The question was then taken on the amendment offered by Mr. Hanson, and decided in the negative.

The question was then taken on concurring with the committee on Finance, in the adoption of their substitute as amended, and decided in the affirmative. The bill, as amended, was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Boyakin and Sharp, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Barnsback, Benedict, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Huffman, Jewell, Kuykendall, Logan, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Morrison, Myers, O'Connor, Pitner, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Williams and Yates—65.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Backenstos, Boyakin, Brinkley, Campbell, Cochran, Denning, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Hanson, Henderson, Jackson of McHenry, Lockard, Parrish, Prevo, Reed, Scott of Macoupin, White of Washington, Wood and Woodburn—20.

On motion,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, bills of the following titles:

"An act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace and constables, in forcible entry and detainer, and forcible detainer;"

"An act to amend 'An act authorizing counties to give a bounty on wolf scalps,' approved Feb. 15, 1843;" and

"An act for the permanent location of the seat of justice of Kendall county."

Mr. Aldrich, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to authorize the counties of Stephenson, Carroll and Ogle, to levy a special tax for county purposes."

A bill for "An act to provide for the election of supervisors," was read the second time; and,

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Kuykendall, Manning and Hannaford be that committee.

A bill for "An act to regulate the times of holding the courts in the first, eighth and fourth judicial circuits," was read the second time; and,

On motion of Mr. Ross,
Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,
The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to incorporate the Warrenville Cemetery Association," read the second time by the title, and *Ordered* to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill for "An act to regulate the practice of physicians," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Ross,
Referred to the committee on Retrenchment.

A bill for "An act to prevent the stealing and enticing away of slaves from slave States," was read the second time; when,

On motion of Mr. Vineyard,
A call of the House was ordered; when it appeared that the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Babbitt, Butler, Fletcher, Hitt, Logan, Loop, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrison, Myers, Pickering, Reed, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Starne, Warren, Wilcox, Youngkin and Zieber.—24.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,
Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.
Mr. Ross moved to amend the bill, by striking out the words 'confined in the Penitentiary not less than one year, nor more than ten years,' and inserting, in lieu thereof, the following: 'fined one hundred dollars.'

On motion of Mr. Herndon,
The proposed amendment was laid on the table.
Mr. Miller of Adams moved to lay the bill on the table; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Deskines and Hendry, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,
Messrs. Churchill, Collins, Hardie, Harper, Huffman, Loop, Smith of Bureau and Stewart.—8.

Those who voted in the negative, are,
Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hanson, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, Thompson, Tunnel, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Williams, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—81.

On motion of Mr. Bradley,
The main question was ordered.
The question then recurring on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Vineyard and Brinkley, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskins, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hanson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Moore, Morris, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Wilcox, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—64.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Churchill, Collins, Fletcher, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Jackson of McHenry, Logan, Loop, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Randolph, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart and Strong.—21.

Mr. Adams moved to dispense with the rule, and read the bill the third time; which was not agreed to.

A bill for "An act to adjust the lease and claims of S. M. Tinsley & Co., on the Northern Cross Railroad," was read the second time.

Mr. Ross moved to refer the bill to the committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The main question was ordered.

The question then recurring on the motion of reference made by Mr. Ross, it was decided in the negative.

The bill was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title.

The question was taken on the passage of the bill, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Ross and Deskins, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Babbitt, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Brown, Churchill, Deskins, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Myers, O'Connor, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Tunnel, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Woodburn and Yates—53.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Hendry, Lott, Morrille, Morris, Nye, Oglesby, Prevo, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Smith of Bureau, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, Warren, White of Washington, Wood, Woollard, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—34.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Wynne, a Senator.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of a bill entitled

"An act to fix the times of holding courts in the counties of Christian, Logan and Menard."

The preamble and resolution of the Senate, relative to the occupancy of Oregon, were read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act in relation to the acts of the Clerk of the County Commissioners' Court of Cumberland county;" was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Fulton,

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole House upon a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act concerning public roads,'" approved February the 20th, 1811; Mr. Lott in the chair. After some time spent in the consideration of the bill, the committee rose, and by their chairman, reported the bill back to the House, with sundry amendments, and ask the concurrence of the House in the amendments of the Committee of the Whole House.

Mr. Logan moved to amend the amendments of the Committee of the Whole House, by striking out the word 'forty,' in the fifth line of the second section, and inserting the word 'twenty.'

Mr. Deskines moved that the previous question be ordered; which was decided in the negative.

Mr. Brinkley moved to lay the bill and amendments on the table.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The House was ordered to be called, when it appeared that Messrs. Armstrong, Arnold, Gregg, Hannaford, Hitt, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Morrison, O'Connor, Rawlings, Sexton, Vineyard, Warren, Woollard and Zieber, were absent. Pending the call,

Mr. Wilcox asked leave of absence for Mr. Williams for the balance of the present session, which was granted; when,

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Further proceeding under the call was dispensed with, and the question taken on laying the bill and amendments on the table, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Miller of Fulton, and Brinkley, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Barnsback, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Fletcher, Hardie, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Morris, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of San-

gamon, Tunnel, Turley, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Whiteside and Wood.—33.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Hick, Jackson of M'Henry, Janney, Jewell, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, Nye, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—69.

The question was then taken upon the amendment proposed by Mr. Logan, and decided in the affirmative. The substitute, as amended, was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser.

The bill was amended by striking out the words 'poll and property,' and inserting 'road,' in the seventh section.

Mr. Logan moved to amend the first section of the bill by striking out the words 'two' in the sixth line of the first section, and inserting 'three.'

Mr. Thompson moved to lay the amendment on the table; which was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the call of Messrs. Miller of Fulton, and Thompson, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Babbitt, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Collins, Denning, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hannaford, Hanson, Harriott, Henderson, Hick, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Leighton, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Strong, Thompson, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, Wood, Woodburn, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—50.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Arenz, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Bradley, Burnett, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hardie, Harper, Hendry, Janney, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Morris, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Sangamon, Tunnel, Turley, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Woollard and Yates.—50.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of St. Clair,

The previous question was ordered.

The question recurred on the amendment offered by Mr. Logan, and was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Miller of Fulton, and Backenstos, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Arcenz, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Cochran, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Emerson, Fletcher, Hardie, Harper, Hendry, Lockard, Logan, Metz, Miller of Adams, Morris, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Sangamon, Tunnel, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Whiteside and Wilcox.—42.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Boyakin, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Collins, Deskines, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Leighton, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Matthews, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, O'Connor, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—57.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, by yeas and nays, on the call of Messrs. Miller of Fulton, and Hendry, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arcenz, Armstrong, Backenstos, Barnsback, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Leighton, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, Nye, Pitner, Pratt, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Vedder, Wagner, Wilcox, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber.—57.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Fletcher, Hardie, Harper, Hendry, Janney, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Prevo, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Sangamon, Tunnel, Turley, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wood and Woollard.—39.

Mr. Nye, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported, as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, bills of the following titles:

“An act authorizing the sale of Seminary lands in Champaign county;”

“An act to vacate the survey and plat of the subdivision of lots eight, nine and ten, in block one, in Randolph's addition to the city of Quincy;”

“An act establishing Mordock precinct in Monroe county;”

“An act to provide for the collection of taxes for the year 1843; in Clay county, and to legalize the assessment of taxes in said county for the year 1844;”

“An act to incorporate the Urbana Seminary Society;”

“An act to authorize William C. Tiffany and David Corey to re-survey a street therein named;”

“An act to encourage the apprehension of horse-thieves;”

"An act to locate a State road therein named;"

"An act to change the name of a town therein named;"

"An act to legalize the acts of Andrew Deardorff, former acting Clerk of the County Commissioners' Court of Union county;"

"An act to locate a State road in the county of Cook;

"An act in relation to the Revised Statutes;"

"An act organizing a school district in Vermilion county, and authorizing the sale of school lands therein;"

"An act concerning school lands in Peoria county;" and

"An act to fix the times of holding courts in the counties of Christian, Logan and Menard."

Mr. Loop, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, bills of the following titles:

"An act to incorporate the Oswego Manufacturing Company;"

"An act to authorize Recorders to appoint deputies;"

"An act to attach a part of De Witt county to the county of Logan;"

"An act to establish a ferry therein named;"

"An act declaring certain additions to the town of Manchester, Scott county, vacated;"

"An act to build a free bridge across Shoal creek, in Clinton county;"

"An act to extend the boundary lines of the county of Effingham;"

"An act to improve the navigation of the Embarrass river, and for other purposes;"

"An act extending the limits of Cass county;" and

Chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes."

A message from the Council of Revision, by Mr. Hawley, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to say that the Council of Revision has approved bills of the following titles, to wit:

"An act to incorporate Metropolis City;"

"An act to extend the corporate powers of the town of Peru;"

"An act to vacate the town plat of the town of Brooklyn;"

"An act to authorize Lucius Wells to keep a ferry across the Mississippi river;"

"An act limiting the power of taxation in the city of Chicago;"

"An act to incorporate the Crystal Lake Academy in McHenry county;"

"An act respecting the probate of Wills;"

"An act vacating a certain street in Petersburg in Menard county;"

"An act for the improvement of the navigation of Rock river;"

"An act for the permanent location of the seat of justice of Kendall county;"

"An act to legalize the assessment of property in the county of Pulaski for the year 1843, and for other purposes;"

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Rushville,'" approved March 2d, 1839;

"An act for the protection of, and summary mode of recovery for trespass committed upon the commons of Prairie du Rocher;"

"An act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace and constables in forcible entry and detainer, and forcible detainer;" and

“An act to amend ‘An act authorizing counties to give a bounty on wolf scalps,’ ” approved February 15, 1843.

On motion of Mr. Yates,

The rule was dispensed with, and a Senate bill for “An act for certain purposes therein named,” taken up and read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Yates moved to dispense with the rule, and read the bill the second time by the title, which was not agreed to; when,

On motion,

The House adjourned until 7 o'clock, P. M.

SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Denning,

The rule was dispensed with, and a Senate bill for “An act supplemental to ‘An act to reduce the public debt one million of dollars, and to put the Bank of Illinois into liquidation,’ ” was taken up, read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from the select committee to which was referred a Senate bill for “An act concerning the location of a road therein mentioned;” when he reported the same back, with an amendment; which was read and concurred in, and the bill as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

Senate bill for “An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Rock river Bridge Company,’ approved March 3, 1843,” was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The rule was dispensed with, and a Senate bill for “An act to incorporate the Upper Alton Cemetery,” was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and,

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Referred to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and a Senate bill for "An act to incorporate the Alton Cemetery," was read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

Referred to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

Senate bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to prevent the unlawful driving away of cattle and other stock by drovers and other persons,' " approved Feb. 3, 1841, was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

The rule was dispensed with, the bill read a second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act for the relief of Thomas S. Brockman, late collector of Brown county, and securities," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Bradley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, when

On motion of Mr. Collins,

Said bill was amended by adding at the end of the first section, the words, 'and pay all costs of suit.'

The bill, as amended, was then

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in the amendment.

Senate bill for "An act concerning fees," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill for "An act to vacate parts of certain town plats therein named," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title; when,

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The bill was amended by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

“That the town plats of the towns of Greensburgh, in Menard county, and the town of Cicero, in Sangamon county, are hereby vacated.”

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The bill was further amended by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

“That all that portion of the town of Sidney, in the county of Champaign, laid out and situated upon the north-east quarter of section sixteen, in township eighteen north of range ten, east of the third principal meridian, except eight lots lying in the north-east corner of said tract, be, and the same is, hereby declared vacated; *Provided*, this act shall not affect any rights acquired by any purchase or purchasers of any lot or lots in said portion of said town of Sidney.”

The bill, as amended, was then

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in said amendments.

Senate bill for “An act to ascertain the State debt, preparatory to a provision to pay the same by taxation,” was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

On motion of Mr. Loop,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate bill for “An act to authorise William Forrester and Abraham Howard to build a mill dam across the Kaskaskia river,” was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Funkhouser,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for “An act enabling Joseph A. Phelps to keep a ferry across the east channel of the Illinois river, opposite Grand Island,” was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act providing for the binding of the laws and journals,'" approved January 31, 1840, was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act to make the property of stockholders of incorporations individually liable for the debts of said incorporations," was read; when

Mr. Loop moved to lay said bill on the table; which was not agreed to.

The question was then taken on ordering the bill to a second reading, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Brinkley moved to dispense with the rule, and read the bill the second time by the title; which was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

The rule was dispensed with, and the resolution of the Senate relative to the bonds hypothecated with McAllister and Stebbins, was taken up; when

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

The House receded from their amendment to said resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act directing the collection of debts due the State on account of the Gallatin salines," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act declaring the cut-off at the town of Mantanzas in Mason county, navigable," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title; when

Mr. Deskines moved to refer the bill to a select committee; which was not agreed to.

The bill was then

Ordered to a third reading.

Senate bill for, "An act in relation to the election of county officers," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title; when

Mr. Cochran moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Retrenchment; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Wagner moved to amend the bill by striking out "1847," and inserting "1845;" when

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

The proposed amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Armstrong moved to amend the bill in the first section, by striking out the words "two years only," and inserting "four years;" when

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The proposed amendment was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Burnett,

The main question was ordered.

The question recurring on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act authorising the trustees of schools in township 7 north, range 12 west, in Jersey county, to revalue school lands and for other purposes," was read the first time, and

On motion of Mr. Harriott,

Laid on the table.

Senate bill for "An act for the benefit of D. Kyle Stephenson," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Winnebago,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act for the relief of Mary S. Curtin," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act in relation to certain mill dams in the Little Wabash river," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Senate bill for "An act to incorporate the Chicago and Juliet turnpike company," coming up,

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lawrence,

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Senate bill for "An act to establish the times of holding circuit courts in the first judicial circuit," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Yates,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On the further motion of Mr. Yates,

The rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and a Senate bill for "An act to incorporate the Sangamon and Morgan Railroad Company," was read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On the further motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Senate bill for "An act to establish a ferry across the Mississippi river," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On the further motion of Mr. Strong,

The rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act to establish a ferry across the Illinois river in La Salle county," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act authorising certain lands to be flooded," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Winnebago,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On the further motion of Mr. Miller of Winnebago,

The rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act supplemental to 'An act to establish and maintain common schools,'" was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title.

Mr. Benedict moved to amend the bill by striking out the first section; when,

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The bill and amendment were referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate amendments to House bill for "An act to legalize the sale of school lands in Adams county," was read; when

The question was taken on concurring with the Senate in their amendments to said bill, and decided in the negative.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate amendments to the House bill for "An act declaring a certain road in Scott county, a State road," was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lawrence,

A Senate bill for "An act to dispose of lands stricken off to the State for taxes, and for other purposes," was taken up and read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lawrence,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title.

Mr. Funkhouser moved to amend the bill by striking out the 18th section; when

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The bill and proposed amendment were referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion,

The House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Smith of Bureau presented the petition of sundry citizens of Putnam county, in relation to a ferry and road therein mentioned; which, without reading, was, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Gregg, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the petition of citizens of Jasper county, praying for relief, reported a bill for "An act for the relief of the securities of H. Vanderhoof, late a collector of Jasper county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Hendry, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act concerning the Territorial and other records of Illinois," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage.

On motion of Mr. Hendry,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title; when

Mr. Nye moved to amend the bill, by adding the following:

"That the Secretary of the Fund Commissioner be compelled to complete said work without any additional compensation."

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The main question was ordered; when

The question was taken on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. Nye, and decided in the affirmative.

The bill, as amended, was then passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in said amendment.

Mr. Logan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to exempt burying grounds from taxes, execution and attachments," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Manning, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to change the time of holding courts in the fifth judicial circuit," reported the same back with an amendment as a substitute; which was read.

Mr. Ross moved to refer the bill and proposed amendment to a select committee; which was not agreed to.

The question was then taken on concurring with the Committee in their proposed amendment, and decided in the affirmative.

The bill was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Manning,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Parrish, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred a bill for "An act relating to the tax collector of Franklin county for the year 1843," reported the same back with an amendment; which was read and concurred in, and the bill as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of a bill entitled "An act making appropriations for the pay and expenses of the Illinois Militia," called into service by the Commander-in-Chief, during the year 1844;

The Senate have also concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of a bill, as amended, entitled

"An act to amend 'An act to authorize St. Clair county to establish a ferry across the Mississippi river;'"

In which amendment, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Benedict, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to legalize the official acts of certain justices of the peace, and for other other purposes," reported the same back with an amendment as a substitute; which was read and concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Hannaford, from the Committee on Education, reported a bill for "An act to incorporate the Rushville High School Association," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hannaford,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Davis of McLean, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to amend the several acts in relation to common schools,'" passed 4th of March, 1837; reported the same back to the House with sundry amendments; which were read and concurred in, and the bill ordered to a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Janney, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act concerning criminal jurisprudence,'" reported the same back to the House and recommended its rejection.

The question was taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, and decided in the negative.

Mr. Hick, from the Committee on Salines and Saline Lands, to which was referred a bill for "An act for the relief of Joseph Reynolds, of Gallatin county," reported the same back to the House and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Hick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Robbins, from the Committee on Counties to which was referred the petitions and remonstrances of sundry citizens of Mason county on the subject of the relocation of the county seat of Mason county, reported the same back to the House, and asked to be discharged from their further consideration; which was granted, and the petitions and remonstrances laid on the table.

Mr. Strong, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a bill for "An act respecting tax sales in the city of Alton," reported the same back to the House with a substitute as an amendment; which was read and concurred in, and the bill as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Morrille, from the Committee on Canal and Canal Lands, to which was referred the petition of Hugh Cosgrove, praying for a settlement of his claims against the State, reported the same back to the House and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, which was granted; the petition was laid on the table, and leave given him to withdraw the same.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from a select committee, when he reported back to the House a bill for "An act to add the counties of Winnebago and Boone to the seventh judicial circuit, and to fix the time of holding courts in the sixth judicial circuit, with a substitute for the original bill which was read; when

Mr. Boyakin moved to lay the bill and proposed amendment on the table; which was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Aldrich and Kuykendall, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Emerson, Hanson, Hendry, Herndon, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Matthews, Morris, Nye, Parrish, Prevo, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Sangamon, Starne, Turley, Vedder, White of Washington, Wilkinson, Wood, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—39

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Backenstos, Barnsback, Burnett, Butler, Churchill, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Denning, Dunbar, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hick, Huffinan, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Logan, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, O'Connor, Oglesby, Pratt, Randolph, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Sexton, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, White of Scott, Whiteside, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates and Youngkin.—53.

Mr. Kuykendall moved to amend the proposed substitute by adding the following proviso, viz:

"*Provided*, That this act shall be so construed as to give all the counties in this State the same privilege;" which was decided in the negative by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Deskines and Kuykendall, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Bradley, Campbell, Deskines, Harriott, Hendry, Hicks, Kuykendall, Parrish, Ricks, Ross, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Washington, Wood, Woollard and Mr. Speaker.—17.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Churchill, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Huffman, Jackson of Mc-

Henry, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, O'Connor, Oglesby, Pickering, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Strong, Thompson, Turley, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Yates and Youngkin.—70.

Mr. Hicks moved to amend the bill by striking out the word "State," in the last line of the 9th section, and inserting the word "county," and add the following as an additional section:

"That so much of 'An act creating the Cook county court,' as authorises any thing to be paid out of the State Treasury for the salary of the Judge and prosecuting attorney, is hereby repealed, and the same shall hereafter be paid out of the county treasury of the county of Cook."

Mr. Bradley moved the previous question; which was not sustained.

The question was then taken on the amendments proposed by Mr. Hicks, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Butler moved to lay the whole subject upon the table; which was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Butler and Woollard, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Boyakin, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Deskines, Gregg, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Leighton, Lockard, Loop, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Myers, Nye, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sherman, Stewart, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Wood, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—35.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Babbitt, Backenstos, Benedict, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hicks, Huffman, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Logan, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Moore, Morris, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Strong, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Whiteside, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates and Youngkin.—67.

Mr. Davis of McLean, moved to reconsider the vote taken on the adoption of the amendments offered by Mr. Hicks; which was not agreed to. The question was then taken on the substitute reported by the Committee on Finance, as amended by the House, and decided in the affirmative. The question was then taken on ordering the bill, as amended, to be engrossed for a third reading, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Loop and Sherman, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Backenstos, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Haley, Hannaford,

Hanson, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pinner, Prevost, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Thompson, Turley, Vineyard, White of Scott, White of Washington, Whiteside, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates and Youngkin.—68.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Arnold, Butler, Collins, Cushman, Gregg, Hardie, Hendry, Herndon, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Loop, Miller of Winnebago, Myers, Nye, Pratt, Scott of De Witt, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Stewart, Strong, Vedder, Warren, White of Menard, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Wood, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—30.

Mr. Brinkley, from the Committee on Change of Names, to which was referred the petition of William A. Kingman and others, reported a bill for "An act to change certain names herein mentioned;" which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bill was read the second time by the title; when

Mr. Jackson of McHenry moved to amend the bill by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

"Be it further enacted, That the name of the town of Centerville, in the county of McHenry, be and the same is hereby changed to the name of Woodstock, and by that name shall hereafter be known and designated."

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The bill and proposed amendment were re-committed to the Committee on Change of Names.

Mr. Loop, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to incorporate the Warrenville Cemetery Association."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Judd, a Senator:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have passed a bill entitled

"An act to fix the times of holding courts in the seventh and ninth judicial circuits."

In the passage of which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Wynne, a Senator:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of a bill for "An act to enable Joseph Adkins to keep a ferry across the Sangamon river," as amended by them, in which amendments they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Bradley, from the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, to which was referred the claim of R. S. Hillman, reported the same back to the House, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, which was granted, and the claim was laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a bill for "An act to reduce the public

debt one million of dollars, and to put the Bank of Illinois into liquidation," reported the same back to the House, with sundry amendments, which were read; when,

On motion of Mr. Nye,

The main question was ordered. The question recurring on the amendments of the committee,

Mr. Hick called for a division of the question, so as to take the vote separately on the various amendments.

The question was first taken on the proviso to the ninth section, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, and Logan, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Campbell, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hendry, Janney, Jewell, Lockard, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Morrille, Morris, O'Connor, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Thompson, Vedder, Warren, Wood, Woodburn, Zieber and Mr. Speaker—46.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Arenz, Bradley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Logan, Lott, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Stephenson, Turley, Vineyard, White of Menard, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Yates and Youngkin.—52.

The question was then taken on the second amendment, and decided in the negative.

The question was then taken on the third amendment, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the call of Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, and Logan, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cox, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hendry, Hick, Huffinan, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Morris, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Thompson, Vedder, Warren, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wood, Woodburn, Youngkin and Zieber.—55.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Arenz, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Herndon, Leighton, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Moore, Myers, Pickering, Pratt, Rawlings, Ross, Smith of Sangamon, Starne, Turley, Vineyard, White of Menard, Wilkinson, Woollard, Yates and Mr. Speaker.—37.

The question was then taken on the fourth amendment, and decided in the negative. The bill was then

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, when,

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in the amendment of the House to said bill.

Mr. Bradley, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to which was referred a communication from the Secretary of State, on the subject of repairing the roof of the State House, made a report, which was read.

Mr. Boyakin, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported chapter 61 of Revised Statutes, which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the chapter read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was again dispensed with, and the chapter read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the Secretary of State be required to pay into the Treasury the unexpended balance in his hands of the appropriations made for repairing the roof of the State House, which sum shall remain as a special appropriation for that purpose, to be drawn as it is wanted for use, and shall not be applied to any other purpose.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Denning, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to authorize actions at law against foreign corporations," reported the same back to the House, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Denning,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Ross, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to amend 'An act concerning the 16th section, township one south, range five west, lying in the counties of Washington and Clinton, in force Feb. 23, 1843.

"An act for the relief of Lovel Kimball;"

"An act to incorporate the town of Belleville, in St. Clair county;"

"An act to authorize the person therein named to construct a mill-dam;"

"An act concerning the records of the counties of Winnebago and Boone."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of bills, entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act authorizing the erection of a bridge over Rock river, at Rockford,'" approved Feb. 27, 1843;

"An act to change the name of Coles and Erskine's addition to the town of Chester to that of Menard, and for other purposes;"

"An act to create a justice of the peace and constable in the town of Plymouth in Hancock county;" and

"An act to authorize the county commissioners of Putnam and Bureau counties to lease the ferry at Hennepin, and for other purposes."

The Senate have further concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of a bill, as amended, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Lake Michigan Hydraulic Company."

In which amendment they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Miller of Adams, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act to incorporate the Henderson County Turnpike Road Company," reported the same back to the House, together with the amendment, which was referred with the bill.

The question was taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Henderson, before the bill was referred, and decided in the affirmative; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Haley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in the amendment to said bill.

Mr. Pitner, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act to incorporate the Sangamon and Morgan Railroad Company," reported the same back, with an amendment, which was read, and before the vote was taken on concurring with the committee in their amendment,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed, viz:

"An act to define and establish the boundary lines of State street, in the city of Chicago;"

"An act to authorize the county commissioners' court of Jefferson to establish an additional justice's district in said county;"

"An act relating to town plats therein named;"

"An act for the relief of Stevens & Trenchery;"

"An act for the relief of Thomas Brown;"

"An act to authorize Titus Howe to construct a mill-dam across Fox river, in Kendall county;"

"An act to repeal certain acts therein named;"

"An act to promote a more faithful discharge of the duties of probate justices of the peace;"

"An act requiring the collector of Champaign county to pay over certain moneys upon the Auditor's warrant;"

"An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act to repeal 'An act to incorporate the Beardstown and Sangamon Canal Company;''"

"An act to vacate the town plat of Romeo, in the county of Will;"

"An act to vacate the town plat of Sangamon town;"

"An act to authorize justices of the peace to take recognizance in certain cases;" and

"An act to establish the county line dividing Gallatin and Hardin counties."

Ordered, That the titles be severally as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate of their passage, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Arenz,

Leave was given him to withdraw from the files of the House, certain papers and vouchers relative to the expenses incurred in the late Hancock expedition.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act providing for funding the debt of La Salle county, and for the payment of the interest thereon," was read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to incorporate the Springfield Lodge, No. 4, of free and accepted Masons," was read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Loop, from the committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision,

"An act to incorporate the Adelpia Theological Seminary;" and

"An act making certain fords a part of public roads;" and as correctly engrossed,

A bill for "An act to prevent the stealing and enticing away of slaves from slave States."

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to drain a marsh in Grouse Point precinct, in Cook county," was read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Henderson,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to incorporate the Warrenville Seminary, in the county of Du Page," was read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule was dispensed with, and bills of the following titles were severally read the third time by their titles and passed, viz:

"An act in relation to schools in township nineteen north of range nine east in Champaign county;"

"An act to aid in the removal of obstructions to the navigation of the Sangamon river with keel and flat boats;" and

"An act to incorporate the town of Knoxville, in Knox county."

Ordered, That the titles be severally as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act for the relief of the collectors of the counties of Randolph and Monroe," was read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Robbins,

The title was amended by adding thereto the words, 'and other counties.'

Ordered, That the title be as amended, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule was dispensed with, and bills of the following titles were severally read the third time by their titles and passed, viz:

"An act to incorporate the Cherry Grove Seminary, in Knox county;"

"An act for the benefit of James Hood, a minor;"

"An act to authorize Stephen Forbes to construct a dam across the Des Plaines river, in Cook county;" and

"An act to build a bridge across the Fox river, at Ottawa, in La Salle county."

Ordered, That the titles be severally as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The rule was dispensed with, and bills of the following titles were severally read the third time by their titles and passed, viz:

"An act for the re-survey of the towns of Waterloo and Columbia;"

"An act to authorize the construction of a toll bridge across the Illinois river;" and

"An act for the location of certain State roads therein named, and for the vacation of other State roads."

Ordered, That the titles be severally as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Starkweather,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to re-annex the county of Cumberland to the county of Coles, and for other purposes," was read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act to suspend an act therein named," was read the third time; when

The question was taken on its passage, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Benedict and Boyakin, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Barnsback, Butler, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Huffman, Janney, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Myers, Nye, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Woodburn, Yates and Youngkin.—49.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Backenstos, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Hannaford, Hick, Jackson of McHenry, Kirkpatrick, Manning, Morrille, Morris, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Starkweather, Starne, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, Wagner, White of Washington, Wood, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—44.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Council of Revision, by Mr. Hawley, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to say that the Council of Revision has approved bills of the following titles, to-wit:

- "An act to extend the boundary lines of the county of Effingham;"
- "An act to authorize Recorders to appoint deputies;"
- "An act concerning school lands in Peoria county;"
- "An act to attach a part of De Witt county to the county of Logan;"
- "An act in relation to the Revised Statutes;"
- "An act to encourage the apprehension of horse thieves;"
- "An act to amend 'An act authorizing Charles G. Eldridge to keep a ferry across the Mississippi river;'"
- "An act to build a free bridge across Shoal Creek, in Clinton county;"
- "An act to establish a ferry therein named;"
- "An act to improve the navigation of the Embarrass river, and for other purposes;"
- "An act extending the limits of Cass county;"
- "An act to incorporate the Oswego Manufacturing Company;"
- "An act declaring certain additions to the town of Manchester, Scott county, vacated;"
- "An act to locate a State road in the county of Cook;"
- "An act to legalize the acts of Andrew Deardorff, former acting clerk of the county commissioners' court of Union county;"
- "An act to vacate the survey and plat of the subdivision of lots eight, nine and ten, in block one, in Randolph's addition to the city of Quincy;"
- "An act to incorporate the Urbana Seminary Society;"
- "An act establishing Mordock precinct, in Monroe county;"
- "An act authorizing the sale of Seminary lands in Champaign county;"

"An act to authorize William C. Tiffany and David Cory to re-survey a street therein named;"

"An act to change the name of a town therein named;"

"An act to locate a State road therein named;"

"An act organizing a school district in Vermilion county, and authorizing the sale of school lands;"

"An act to fix the times of holding courts in the counties of Christian, Logan and Menard;"

"An act to provide for the collection of taxes for the year 1843, in Clay county, and to legalize the assessment of taxes in said county for the year 1844;"

"An act concerning the records of the counties of Winnebago and Boone;"

"An act to authorize the person therein named to construct a mill-dam;"

"An act to vacate the town plat of Kingston;"

"An act to amend an act concerning the 16th section, township one south, range five west, lying in the counties of Washington and Clinton;" in force February 23d, 1843.

"An act to incorporate the town of Belleville, in St. Clair county;"

"An act to establish and maintain common schools."

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to enable the several townships in Knox county to receive their shares of the school funds, when such townships have neglected to return the number of children therein," was read the third time by the title, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The title was amended by striking out the words 'Knox county,' and inserting 'this State.'

Ordered, That the title be as amended, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act for the election of a commissioner to take the enumeration of the inhabitants of the several counties of this State," coming up for consideration,

Mr. Davis of McLean, moved its reference to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The main question was ordered.

Mr. Deskines moved to reconsider the vote just taken on ordering the main question; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Deskines moved to lay the bill on the table; which was not agreed to.

The question then recurring on the passage of the bill, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Thompson, and Davis of Williamson, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Armstrong, Arnold, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Funkhouser, Hanson, Harper, Hick, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Loop, Manning, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo,

Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Stewart, Thompson, Turley, Wagner, Warren, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn and Woollard.—54.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Barnsback, Churchill, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Huffman, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Lott, McDonald, Metz, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Myers, Pickering, Randolph, Rawlings, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Strong, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—48.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate insist upon their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to legalize the sale of school lands in Adams county," and ask that a committee of conference be appointed to act in reference to the disagreeing vote of the two Houses in relation to said amendments.

Messrs. J. Smith and Davis are appointed such committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule was dispensed with, and the message just received from the Senate, was taken up for consideration; when, on his further motion,

A Committee of Conference on the disagreeing vote between the two Houses, was appointed on the part of the House.

Ordered, That Messrs. Lott, Janney and Nye be that committee.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

A bill for "An act to vacate the town plat of the town of Enterprise," was read the third time, and,

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Burnett,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to offer the following resolution; which was read, viz:

Resolved, That the Door-keeper be and he is hereby required to keep the lobby clear during the remainder of the session; and that members are hereby respectfully requested and required to stay within the bar during the session hours, and refrain from all conversation during the same.

The question being taken on the adoption of said resolution, it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Haley,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Warren county to settle with Daniel McNeil," was read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A bill for "An act to vacate the plat of the town of Henryville, in Henry county," coming up for consideration,

On motion of Mr. Harper,

The bill was laid on the table.

A bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to provide for a change and re-location of a part of the Darwin and Charleston turnpike,'" was read the third time; when

Mr. Ricks moved to lay the bill on the table; which was not agreed to.

The question was then taken on the passage of the bill, and decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Stephenson,

The rule was dispensed with, and a bill for "An act to authorize the counties of Stephenson, Carroll and Ogle to levy a special tax for county purposes," was read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Enrolled and Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, bills of the following titles:

"An act making appropriations for the pay and expenses of the Illinois militia, called into service by the Commander-in-Chief, during the year 1844."

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to protect the canal lands against trespasses,'" approved March 4th, 1837; and

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to protect the canal lands,'" approved February 26, 1839; and

"An act authorizing an additional justice of the peace and constable in Lima precinct, in Adams county;"

Also, as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to amend 'An act concerning public roads,'" approved February 20, 1841.

On motion of Mr. Kuydendall,

The rule was dispensed with, a bill for "An act for the formation of the county of Van Buren," was read the third time by the title; when

Mr. Robbins moved to postpone indefinitely the further consideration of the bill, which was not agreed to.

Mr. Robbins moved to amend the bill by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

"*Provided*, if a majority of all the votes of the county of Randolph, given at the said election, be not in favor of forming the said county of Van Buren, no part of the county of Randolph shall be taken off to form the said county of Van Buren; and should any part of the county of Randolph form a part of the said county of Van Buren, the inhabitants of that part of Randolph county cut off to form the county of Van Buren, shall pay their share of the then existing debt of the county of Randolph, to be apportioned according to their amount of taxable property."

Mr. Bradley moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the proposed amendment, it was decided in the affirmative.

The bill was then passed, as amended, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Robbins and Bradley, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Haley, Hanson, Hick, Janney, Kuy-

kendall, Manning, Miller of Fulton, Morris, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Rawlings, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Starne, Thompson, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Washington, Wood and Woodburn.—42.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Backenstos, Barnsback, Churchill, Emerson, Fletcher, Hannaford, Hardie, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Logan, Lott, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Pickering, Prevo, Randolph, Robbins, Ross, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Woollard, Yates and Zieber—39.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Council of Revision, by Mr. Hawley, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to say that the Council of Revision have approved bills of the following titles, to-wit:

“An act making certain fords a part of public roads;”

“An act to incorporate the Adelpia Theological Seminary;”

“An act making appropriations for the pay and expenses of the Illinois Militia, called into service by the Commander-in-Chief during the year 1844.”

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

A bill for “An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act concerning public roads,’” approved February 20, 1841, was taken up; when

Mr. Starne moved a call of the House, which was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The bill was amended by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

“In all cases where supervisors, under the provisions of this act, fail or refuse to comply with the laws in relation to supervisors, suits may be commenced against them before justices of the peace of their counties, who shall have jurisdiction in all cases where the fines or forfeitures do not exceed one hundred dollars.”

Mr. Strong moved a call of the House; which was not ordered.

The question was then taken on the passage of the bill, as amended, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Davis of Williamson and Parrish, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Backenstos, Barnsback, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cushman, Emerson, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Kuykendall, Leighton, Loop, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Randolph, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates and Youngkin.—59.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Fletcher, Hardie, Harper, Hendry, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Logan, Lott, Manning, Oglesby, Parrish, Prevo, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Smith of Sangamon, Turley, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wood and Zieber.—31.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Senate bill for "An act in relation to the distribution of the laws," was read the second time; when,

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The bill was amended by striking out the words 'Auditor of Public Accounts,' and inserting 'Secretary of State.'

Ordered, That the bill, as amended, be read the third time.

Senate bill for "An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners in other States," was read the second time.

Mr. Davis of Williamson moved to lay the bill on the table until the 4th day of July next; when,

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The main question was ordered. The question was then taken on ordering the bill to a third reading, and decided in the affirmative.

Senate bill for "An act for the relief of certain persons therein named," was read the second time, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to report from the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures; when he reported a bill for "An act making appropriations for the years 1845 and 1846."

On his motion, the rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time.

Mr. Ross moved to refer the bill to the committee of the Whole House, and make it the order of the day for this evening at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Henderson moved that the House adjourn.

The question was taken by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Deskines and Backenstos, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Cochran, Denning, Emerson, Hardie, Harriott, Henderson, Jewell, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Morris, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Thompson, Wagner and White of Scott.—16.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Arenz, Armstrong, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Gregg,

Haley, Hanson, Harper, Herndon, Huffman, Janney, Kuykendall, Leighton, Loop, McDonald, Matthews, Myers, Nye, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, Vedder, Vineyard, Warren, White of Menard, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Yates and Youngkin.—57.

No quorum voting; when, on motion,
The House adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bergen.

Mr. Davis of McLean, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred a petition, reported a bill for "An act to incorporate the Hygean Seminary, at Western Saratoga, in Union county;"

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Manning, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to authorise the county commissioners of Starke county, to sell lots in the town of Toulon," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Manning,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Stewart, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act to incorporate the Chicago and Juliet Turnpike Company," reported the same back with sundry amendments; which were read and concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Brinkley, from the Committee on Change of Names, to which was referred a bill for "An act to change certain names herein mentioned," reported the same back with amendments; which were read and concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Wilkinson, from the Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, to which were referred various accounts and pay rolls, relative to the disturbances in Hancock county, reported the same back to the House, accompanied with a report, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was read, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The papers were laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

Leave was given him to withdraw the foregoing papers.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act regulating the assessment and collection of the public revenue."

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The rule was dispensed with, and the foregoing bill read the third time by the title.

Mr. Brinkley moved to amend the bill by striking out "three dollars;" which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Brinkley and Backenstos, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Backenstos, Barnsback, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Harriott, Huffman, Leighton, Lockard, Metz, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Oglesby, Parrish, Prevo, Reed, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Starkweather, Thompson, Turlay, Vineyard, White of Washington, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn and Youngkin.—38.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Armstrong, Arnold, Benedict, Bradley, Burnett, Butler, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Dunbar, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Logan, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pitner, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—63.

The question was then taken on the passage of the bill, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Morris and Parrish, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Bradley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Dunbar, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Huffman, Jewell, Kuykendall, Leighton, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Mor-

risson, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pitner, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—74.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Boyakin, Brinkley, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Hanson, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Lockard, Morris, Oglesby, Parrish, Prevo, Reed, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Starkweather, Turley, Vineyard, White of Menard, White of Washington, Woollard, Wood and Woodburn.—30.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Loop, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, the following chapters of the Revised Statutes, to wit:

Chapter 96—"Secretary of State."

" 58—"Jurors."

" 68—"Marks and Brands."

" 109—"Wills."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Leviston, a Senator.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives, in the passage of a bill entitled:

"An act for the relief of the infant heirs of John Norris, deceased."

Mr. Wilcox, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, reported a bill for "An act to authorize the town of Peoria to construct Water Works."

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Collins, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Juliet Seminary and to elevate the primary schools, in township 35 north, range 10 east,'" approved March 4th, 1843, reported the same back and recommended its passage; when

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The bill was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Gregg, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill for "An act to liquidate certain claims against the State of Illinois," reported the same back to the House.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Logan moved to dispense with the rule, and read the bill the third time by the title; when

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Sharp, from the Committee on Canals and Canal Lands, reported "An act to prevent trespassing upon State lands," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sharp,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title.

Mr. Davis of McLean, moved the indefinite postponement of the further consideration of the subject; when

On motion of Mr. Burnett,

The main question was ordered.

The question recurring on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Davis of Williamson and Boyakin, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of Lawrence, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Backenstos, Barnsback, Bradley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cushman, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Woollard, Wood and Mr. Speaker.—65.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Cox, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Hanson, Hick, Huffman, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Scott of De Witt, Sexton, Starne, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Washington, Woodburn and Zieber.—27.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred in an amendment reported by the Committee of Conference, as a substitute for the amendment of the Senate, to the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled, "An act to legalize the sale of school lands in Adams county."

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to add the counties of Winnebago and Boone to the seventh judicial circuit, and to fix the time of holding courts in the sixth judicial circuit."

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The rule was dispensed with, and the foregoing bill was taken up, and read the third time by the title and passed; when

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

The title of the bill was amended so as to read "An act to establish the Jo Daviess county court."

Ordered, That the title be as amended, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Whiteside, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill for "An act to repeal 'An act to authorize a settlement with McAllister and Stebbins,'" approved March 4th, 1843, reported the same back with an amendment, which was read; when the House refused to concur in said amendment.

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Logan, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred a petition, reported a bill for "An act to authorize the assessment and collection of taxes in the Rochester school district," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Pitner, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a bill for "An act to vacate the town plat of the town of Enterprise," reported the same back with a substitute; which was read, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Jackson of McHenry,

The bill was amended as follows, viz:

"*Sec. 3. Be it further enacted*, That the entire town plat of the town of Carroll in the county of Warren, as laid off and recorded is hereby declared vacated; *Provided*, this act shall not interfere with or prejudice the rights of any individual or individuals who may have become purchasers of any lot or lots in the aforesaid town.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That so much of Elm street in the town of McHenry, and county of McHenry, as lies west of Water street, in said town, be so altered as to leave said street fifty feet wide, and the remaining portion of said street shall be and the same is hereby attached to the lots and lands lying on the south side of said Elm street; *Provided*, that the rights of no persons shall be injured or impaired by said change."

The question was then taken on the passage of the bill as amended and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to legalize the acknowledgment of the town plat of Rockford on the west side of Rock river," reported the same back to the House, and recommended the passage of the same.

Ordered that the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller, of Winnebago,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Woodburn, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, to whom was referred a Senate bill for "An act to incorporate the Illinois Cotton Manufacturing Company," reported the same back to the House, and recommended its passage.

Ordered that the bill be read a third time.

On motion of Mr. Woodburn,

The rule was dispensed with and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Hanson, from the Committee on Counties, to which was referred a certain petition on the subject, reported a bill for "An act concerning public roads," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Benedict, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a bill for "An act to incorporate the Weeping Willow Cemetery Association, in Macon county;" reported the same back to the House, with a substitute, which was concurred in, and the bill as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred a petition, reported a bill for "An act for the benefit of Thomas H. Campbell," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Arnold, from the Committee on Canals and Canal Lands, to which was referred a bill for "An act for the final settlement of accounts with the contractors upon the Illinois and Michigan Canal," reported the same back to the House with a substitute, which was read; when

Mr. Sexton moved to lay the bill and substitute upon the table; which was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the call of Messrs. Deskines and Brinkley, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Arcenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hendry, Hick, Huffman, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morris, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed,

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Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of bills entitled

"An act for a settlement of the accounts of James Shepherd, late collector of Sangamon county;"

"An act for the relief of Thomas Short, late collector of the revenue Vermilion county;"

"An act for the relief of Alfred Shattuck;"

"An act to change the time of holding courts in the fifth judicial circuit," approved March 4th, 1843."

The Senate have also concurred with the House of Representatives in passage of a bill entitled

"An act to regulate the mode of levying executions," with amendments, in which amendments they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have passed chapters 74 and 81 of Revised Statutes, and entitled

"An act to provide for the collection of certain moneys therein named;" and

"An act for the relief of the estate of Robert Davis."

In the passage of which I am further directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The amendment of the Senate to a House bill for "An act concerning Sangamon river," was read; when,

On motion of Mr. Logan,

the amendment was amended by striking out the proviso in the sixth section.

The amendment of the Senate, as amended, was then concurred in.

Resolved, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

The amendments of the Senate to bills of the following titles were and concurred in, viz:

"An act to protect owners of wood-yards against the illegal acts of boat masters and officers;"

"An act to legalize the sale of property therein named;"

"An act concerning certain counties therein named;"

"An act to authorize John Foster and others to construct a mill-dam on Mississippi river;"

"An act to authorize Joseph Cox and others to construct a mill-dam on Mississippi river;"

"An act supplemental to 'An act to incorporate the Spoon river Navigation Company,'" approved March 3, 1837; and

"An act for the further restriction of imprisonment for debt."

Resolved, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

All for "An act making appropriations for the years 1845 and 1846," brought up for consideration, the question recurring on the motion made yesterday by Mr. Ross, to refer the bill to the Committee of the Whole it was decided in the affirmative.

Cochran moved to make said bill the special order of the day for coming at seven o'clock.

Dunbar moved that the House do now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on said bill, which was not agreed to.

“Provided, That justices of the peace shall have jurisdiction in all cases where the contract was made, or cause of action accrued, or where the contract was to have been specifically performed in their district.”

Mr. Deskines moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Sexton and Backenstos, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Benedict, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Haley, Hanson, Kuykendall, Lockard, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Morris, Parrish, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Sexton, Sharp, Starkweather, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, White of Washington, Woollard, Wood and Woodburn.—36.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Boyakin, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Denning, Emerson, Fletcher, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Logan, Loop, Lott, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Pickering, Pratt, Rawlings, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—65.

The question then recurring on the amendment proposed by Mr. Logan, it was decided in the affirmative; when,

On motion of Mr. Wagner,

The bill and amendments were laid on the table, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Hanson and Miller of Fulton, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Boyakin, Burnett, Butler, Cushman, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Kuykendall, Leighton, Logan, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, O'Connor, Oglesby, Pratt, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Sexton, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson and Yates.—58.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Armstrong, Benedict, Bradley, Brinkley, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Haley, Hanson, Hendry, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Lockard, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morris, Nye, Parrish, Prevo, Randolph, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Starne, Turley, Vedder, White of Washington, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—44.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of bills entitled

“An act for a settlement of the accounts of James Shepherd, late collector of Sangamon county;”

“An act for the relief of Thomas Short, late collector of the revenue in Vermilion county;”

“An act for the relief of Alfred Shattuck;”

“An act to change the time of holding courts in the fifth judicial circuit,” approved March 4th, 1843.”

The Senate have also concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of a bill entitled

“An act to regulate the mode of levying executions,” with amendments, in which amendments they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have passed chapters 74 and 81 of Revised Statutes, and bills entitled

“An act to provide for the collection of certain moneys therein named;” and

“An act for the relief of the estate of Robert Davis.”

In the passage of which I am further directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The amendment of the Senate to a House bill for “An act concerning the Sangamon river,” was read; when,

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The amendment was amended by striking out the proviso in the sixth section.

The amendment of the Senate, as amended, was then concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

The amendments of the Senate to bills of the following titles were read and concurred in, viz:

“An act to protect owners of wood-yards against the illegal acts of steam-boat masters and officers;”

“An act to legalize the sale of property therein named;”

“An act concerning certain counties therein named;”

“An act to authorize John Foster and others to construct a mill-dam on the Mississippi river;”

“An act to authorize Joseph Cox and others to construct a mill-dam on the Mississippi river;”

“An act supplemental to ‘An act to incorporate the Spoon river Navigation Company,’” approved March 3, 1837; and

“An act for the further restriction of imprisonment for debt.”

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

A bill for “An act making appropriations for the years 1845 and 1846,” coming up for consideration, the question recurring on the motion made on yesterday by Mr. Ross, to refer the bill to the Committee of the Whole House, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Cochran moved to make said bill the special order of the day for this evening at seven o'clock.

Mr. Dunbar moved that the House do now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on said bill, which was not agreed to.

The question was then taken on the motion made by Mr. Cochran, and decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

A bill for "An act to vacate a part of the Darwin and Charleston turnpike road," was taken from the table, and,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Vineyard,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to make a report from a select committee to which was referred a petition on the subject; when he reported a bill for "An act organizing a school district in Hardin county, and authorizing the sale of school lands therein;" which was read by the title, and,

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Vineyard,

The rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Hicks moved to dispense with the rule, and allow him to make a report from a select committee, which was not agreed to.

A Senate bill for "An act more effectually to prevent trespassing by cutting timber," was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The rule was dispensed with, and a Senate bill for "An act to amend 'An act to incorporate the town of Winchester, in Scott county,'" was read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

A Senate bill for "An act to amend 'An act relative to criminal jurisprudence,'" in force July 1, 1833, was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Laid on the table.

A Senate bill for "An act to re-locate a part of the State road leading from the town of Amity to the town of Highland," was read the second time, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The rule was dispensed with, and a Senate bill for "An act to authorize the county of Marshall to transcribe records from Putnam county," was read the second time by the title; when,

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The bill was amended by adding the following as additional sections, viz:

"SEC. 8. That the county commissioners' court of the county of Woodford be, and is hereby authorized to transcribe the records of the counties of Tazewell and McLean, in the same manner, under the same regulations, and to the same extent, that the county commissioners' court of the county of Marshall are authorized to transcribe the records of the county of Putnam; and the transcripts thus made shall have all the force and virtue in law, that are given to the transcripts authorized by the preceding sections of this act."

"SEC. 9. That Barton Able, Recorder of Pulaski county, be, and he is hereby authorized and required to transcribe the records in the recorder's office of Alexander county, which affect the right to property in Pulaski county, and shall receive therefor such compensation as the county commissioners' court shall allow him; and for this purpose, he may appoint an assistant, and have free access to the records of the office of the recorder of Alexander county."

The bill, as amended, was then

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill was read the third time by the title and passed.

On his further motion, the title was amended by striking out the word "county," after Putnam, and inserting, "and other counties."

Ordered, That the title be as amended, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in said amendments.

A Senate bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to diminish the State debt and put the State Bank into liquidation,' " and to amend an act entitled "An act to reduce the public debt one million of dollars, and to put the Bank of Illinois into liquidation," was read the second time.

Mr. Hick moved to postpone indefinitely, the further consideration of said bill; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Loop moved its reference to the committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Burnett moved its reference to a select committee.

The question then recurring on Mr. Loop's motion, it was decided in the affirmative.

A Senate bill for "An act to provide for the donation of lots in towns situated on canal lands to public purposes," was read the second time; when

Mr. Ross moved to strike out the third section; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Ross moved to lay the bill on the table; which was not agreed to.
The bill was then

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

A bill for "An act to create the county of Highland, out of the counties of Marquette and Adams," coming up in its proper order,

Mr. Hendry moved to lay the bill on the table; which was not agreed to; when,

On his further motion, the rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title.

Mr. Nye moved to amend the bill by adding the following:

"That the east half of townships one north, five west, one south, five west, and two south, five west, in the above described territory, be attached to the county of Brown, and form a part thereof, anything in this act to the contrary notwithstanding."

Mr. Hendry moved to refer the bill and proposed amendment to a select committee; when,

On motion of Mr. Backenstos,

The bill and proposed amendment were referred to the committee on Counties.

Senate bill for "An act to incorporate the Batavia Cemetery Association," was read the second time, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Jackson of McHenry,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

A Senate bill for "An act to attach a strip of lost land to the counties of Fulton and Peoria," was read the second time, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Fulton,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

A Senate bill for "An act to amend 'An act in relation to free negroes and mulattoes, servants and slaves;' in force 17th January, 1827, was read the second time.

Mr. Collins moved to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause, except the last two sections.

Mr. Henderson moved to lay the bill on the table.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

A call of the House was ordered; when,

On motion of Mr. Backenstos,

Leave of absence, for the remainder of the session, was granted to Mr. Babbitt, a Representative from the county of Hancock.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Winnebago,

Leave of absence, for the remainder of the session, was granted to Mr. Hitt, the Representative from the county of Ogle.

On motion of Mr. McDonald,

Leave of absence, for the remainder of the session, was granted to Mr. Tunnel, a Representative from the county of Greene.

The roll was called; when it appeared that the following members were absent:

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Bradley, Hicks, Lockard, Logan, Lott, Manning, Sharp, Smith of Stephenson and Vedder.—10.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question was then taken on the motion made by Mr. Henderson to lay said bill on the table, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Vineyard and Deskines, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Fletcher, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Leighton, Logan, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber.—53.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Benedict, Boykin, Bradley, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Denning, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hanson, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Matthews, Morris, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Thompson, Turley, Vineyard, Wagner, White of Washington, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker.—52.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have passed chapter 90 of Revised Statutes, in which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of a bill, as amended, entitled.

“An act for the relinquishment, by the State of Illinois, to the city of Quincy, of her right to the bed of the railroad, as laid out through said city.”

In which amendment they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

I am further directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have laid on the table, until the 4th of July next, the bill entitled

“An act for the removal of the seat of justice of Randolph county,” together with the resolution requesting the return of said bill to the House of Representatives.

A Senate bill for "An act for the relief of John Cooper, collector of revenue for Madison county, for the year 1843," was read the second time; and,

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Alexander,

The rule was dispensed with, and a Senate bill for "An act to authorize George H. Wood, executor of William Wood, deceased, to convey lands therein mentioned to Godfrey Wilkins," was read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act for the benefit of the heirs of Jesse Moore, deceased," was read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act to authorize the erection of a mill-dam in the Great Wabash river in Wabash county," was read the second time, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Youngkin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act to make the property of stockholders of incorporations individually liable for the debts of said incorporations," was read the second time.

Mr. Logan moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The main question was ordered.

The question was then taken on ordering the bill to a third reading, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Benedict and Wilcox, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Backenstos, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Desjardines, Funkhouser, Hick, Hicks, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, McDonald, Morrille, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Starkweather, Thompson, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—46.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Barnsback, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Halcy, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Huffman, Leighton, Logan, Loop, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Myers, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Yates and Youngkin.—49.

A message from the Council of Revision, by Mr. Hawley, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to say that the Council of Revision has approved bills of the following titles, to wit:

“An act authorizing an additional Justice of the Peace and Constable in Lima precinct, in Adams county;”

“An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act to protect the canal lands against trespasses,’ ” approved March 4, 1837; and

“An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act to protect the canal lands,’ ” approved February 26, 1839;

“An act to legalize the sale of school lands in Adams county.”

Senate bill for “An act for certain purposes therein named,” was read the second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Whiteside,

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill for “An act in relation to certain mill-dams in the Little Wabash river,” was read the second time, and

Ordered to a third reading; when,

On motion,

The House adjourned until 7 o'clock, P. M.

SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on the bill for “An act making appropriations for the years 1845 and 1846.” After some time spent therein, the Committee rose, and, by their Chairman, Mr. Ross, reported the bill back to the House, with sundry amendments, and asked the concurrence of the House in said amendments, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill. Before the vote was taken,

The House adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The bill making appropriations for the years of 1845 and 1846, coming up for consideration, the question recurring upon the amendments of the Committee of the Whole House,

The question was taken on said amendments separately.

First amendment read and concurred in.

Second amendment was read, when

Mr. Loop moved to amend the amendment of the Committee of the Whole, by striking out '1600,' and inserting '2000' dollars as compensation to the Secretary of State.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Loop moved to strike out '1600,' and insert '1900.'

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The amendment was laid upon the table.

Mr. Rawlings moved to amend by striking out '1600,' and inserting '1800.'

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The amendment was laid on the table.

The question was then taken on concurring with the Committee of the Whole in their second amendment, and decided in the affirmative.

The question was taken on the 3d amendment and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Brinkley moved to amend the bill by striking out that part relating to the Cook county court; when

On motion of Mr. Loop,

A call of the House was ordered; when it appeared that the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Anderson of Lawrence, Arnold, Backenstos, Benedict, Bradley, Denning, Deskines, Hicks, Manning, Miller of Fulton, O'Connor, Pickering, Randolph, Rawlings, Sharp, Starnc, Warren, White of Washington and Yates.—19.

Pending the call,

Mr. Gregg, on leave, reported from the Committee on Finance, a Senate bill for "An act to dispose of lands stricken off to the State for taxes, and for other purposes," together with the amendment, proposed thereto by Mr. Funkhouser, reported the same back, and recommended the adoption of the amendment; which was agreed to, and the bill

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and Senate chapter 90 of Revised Statutes was taken from the orders, read the first time by the title and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the chapter read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the chapter read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Wilcox, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act to incorporate the Byron Hydraulic Company," reported the same back with an amendment, which was read and concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in said amendment.

Mr. Jackson of McHenry, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred a petition on the subject, reported a bill for "An act to provide for an additional magistrate and constable in Kishwackie precinct," which was read, on his motion, by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Benedict, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act to incorporate the Alton Cemetery," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Benedict, from the same committee, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act to incorporate the Upper Alton Cemetery," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Vedder, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred the petition of citizens of Whiteside county, relative to the incorporation of a company, and the improvement of the rapids of Rock river, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, which was agreed to; when

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

The petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Brinkley withdrew his motion to strike out of the appropriation bill that part relating to the Cook county court; when

The fourth amendment proposed by the Committee of the Whole was agreed to.

The fifth amendment was then concurred in.

The sixth amendment was concurred in.

The seventh amendment was concurred in.

The eighth amendment was concurred in.

Mr. Gregg moved to amend the bill by adding the following:

"To W. L. D. Ewing, for one day's services as Clerk of the House of Representatives at the organization thereof, the sum of four dollars.

To Washington J. Taylor, for one day's services, as Assistant Clerk at the same time, the sum of four dollars.

To Thomas J. Evans, for one day's services as door-keeper at the same time, three dollars.

To William A. Hacker, three dollars for one day's services as assistant door-keeper during the present session.

To James R. Pierce, three dollars per day for five days' services as assistant door-keeper during the present session.

To Samuel Ashton, three dollars per day for two days' similar services.

To William J. Allen, three dollars per day for four days' similar services."

On motion of Mr. Herndon,

The proposed amendment was amended by adding the following:

"To F. Springer, for one thermometer for the use of the House of Representatives, two dollars and fifty cents."

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The proposed amendment was further amended by adding the following:

"To Hough and Davis, for box for coffin, and burying John Norris, who was killed in the Hancock expedition, five dollars."

Mr. Hicks moved to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Gregg, by striking out the word 'four,' in the two first clauses, and inserting 'three,' which was not agreed to.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. Gregg, as amended, and decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Robbins,

The bill was amended by adding the following:

To Jefferson Weatherford, for expenses in conveying the body of Mr. Blair to his residence, in Pike county, five dollars."

Mr. Hicks moved to amend the bill, in the third section, by striking out 'four dollars,' the proposed compensation to the Secretaries of the Senate and Clerks of the House, and inserting 'three dollars;' which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Sharp and Davis of Williamson, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cushman, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Hannaford, Herndon, Hicks, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Leighton, Lockard, Morris, Nye, Parish, Pickering, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ross, Sharp, Starkweather, Thompson, White of Scott, White of Washington and Wood—36.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Armstrong, Backenstos, Bradley, Brown, Burnett, Collins, Cox, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Hick, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Kuykendall, Logan, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Moore,

Morrille, Myers, O'Connor, Oglesby, Pitner, Pratt, Rawlings, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Sherman, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Woollard, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—63.

On motion of Mr. Wilkinson,

The bill was amended, by striking out the words 'three hundred and seventy-one dollars and twenty cents,' in the 19th clause of the third section, and inserting 'one hundred dollars.'

Mr. Davis of McLean moved to amend the bill by striking out 'one hundred and eighty-four dollars,' in the 20th clause, 3d section; which was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The vote taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Wilkinson, was re-considered; when

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Said amendment was amended by striking out 'one hundred dollars,' and inserting 'three hundred dollars.'

The amendment, as amended, was then agreed to.

Mr. Davis of McLean moved to amend the bill by striking out 'four hundred and fifty dollars,' and inserting 'three hundred and fifty dollars,' in the 30th clause, 3d section; which was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Davis of McLean and Turley, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Churchill, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Emerson, Fletcher, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hicks, Huffman, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Moore, Morris, Myers, Oglesby, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Thompson, Turley, White of Scott and Mr. Speaker.—45.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Backenstos, Burnett, Butler, Cochran, Cox, Cushman, Deskines, Gregg, Hannaford, Harper, Hick, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Nye, O'Connor, Parrish, Pickering, Pratt, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Vedder, Vineyard, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber.—49.

Mr. Ross moved to amend the bill by striking out the 34th clause, containing an allowance of two hundred dollars to John Von Horn, for making a sectional map of the State.

Mr. Deskines moved to lay the bill and proposed amendment on the table; which was not agreed to.

The question was then taken on Mr. Ross' motion, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Boyakin moved to amend the bill by striking out 'forty dollars,' in the 35th clause, and inserting 'sixty dollars;' which was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Robbins,

The bill was amended by striking out the words 'and a half,' in the 37th clause.

Mr. Hardie moved to amend the bill, by striking out the 44th clause.

Mr. Kuykendall moved the previous question; which was not agreed to.

The question was then taken on Mr. Hardie's motion, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Emerson moved to amend the bill by adding the following:

"To Daniel T. Hagan, for office furnished Elijah Willard six months, at five dollars per month, thirty dollars."

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The proposed amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Lott moved to amend the bill, by adding the following:

"To Thomas Worthington, for expenses by him paid out for his journey to the county of Pike, with the corpse of Hon. William Blair, seventeen dollars and fifty cents.

To S. S. Ball, for services in attendance on the corpse of the Hon. William Blair, three dollars and fifty cents.

To Wallace & Diller, for drugs and medicines furnished for the Hon. William Blair, two dollars and fifty cents.

To the Secretary of the Council of Revision, dollars per day.

That the further sum of seventy-four dollars and twenty-five cents be allowed to Edward A. Bedell, of Warsaw, Hancock county, for services rendered in carrying expresses between the Commander-in-Chief and the Brigadier General, during the late disturbances in Hancock county, and for other services, as per bill filed.

To N. M. Knapp, for eleven days' services assisting the Joint Committee on Education in preparing the general school law, twenty dollars."

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The proposed amendment was amended, by adding the following:

"To Matthew Stokes, three dollars, for his services as door-keeper, pro tem."

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The proposed amendment was amended, by striking out the clause making an allowance to N. M. Knapp.

Mr. Boyakin moved to fill the blank in the proposed amendment, with 'two dollars,' as compensation to the Secretary of the Council of Revision.

Mr. Aldrich moved to fill the blank with 'three dollars;' which was not agreed to.

The question was then taken on Mr. Boyakin's motion, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Cochran moved to amend the amendment by adding the following:

"To Isaac Demint, the sum of sixty-six dollars for services rendered the State in attending to the disposal and taking care of the property belonging to the State of Illinois, in Alexander county, in the years 1840 and 1841."

Mr. Rawlings moved the previous question; which was not agreed to.

The question was then taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Cochran, and decided in the negative.

Mr. Strong moved to amend the amendment by adding the following:

"To William Smith, assignee of Samuel A. Buckmaster, agent of the Fund Commissioner, in receiving iron, and collecting and guarding the property of the State in Madison county, in the years 1841 and 1842, by employment of the Fund Commissioner, two hundred and sixty-one dollars."

On motion of Mr. Kuykendall,

The amendment proposed by Mr. Strong, was laid on the table.

Mr. Manning called for a division of the question on the proposed amendment; when, the question being taken on each item separately, they were severally agreed to.

Mr. Whiteside moved to amend the bill by adding the following:

"To J. C. Duncan, three hundred and fourteen dollars;" which was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The bill was amended by adding the following:

"To Thomas Burns, for articles furnished, and work done on the State House, nineteen dollars and seventy-five cents."

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The main question was ordered; when the bill, as amended, was *Ordered* to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled and laid before the Council of Revision, bills of the following titles:

"An act for the settlement of the accounts of James Shepherd, late collector of Sangamon county;"

"An act to amend 'An act to change the time of holding courts in the fifth judicial circuit,'" approved March 6, 1843; and

"An act to enable Joseph Adkins to establish a ferry across the Sangamon river."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Judd, a Senator:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of a bill entitled

"An act authorizing the school commissioner of Greene county to sell certain property purchased on execution," as amended by the Senate, by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting, and amending the title of said bill.

In which amendments the Senate ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in their amendments to bills entitled

"An act supplemental to 'An act to reduce the public debt one million of dollars, and to put the Bank of Illinois into liquidation;'" and

"An act for the relief of Thomas S. Brockman, late collector of Brown county, and securities."

Mr. Kuykendall, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to authorize the town of Peoria to construct water works."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Davis, a Senator:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have indefinitely postponed the consideration of a bill entitled

"An act to adjust the lease and claims of S. M. Tinsley & Co., on the Northern Cross Railroad."

The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of a bill entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act concerning public roads,' approved February 20, 1841.

The Senate have also concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of bills, as amended by them, entitled

"An act for the benefit of schools of township eight north of range six east, in Effingham county;" and

"An act to provide for the election of certain officers therein named, and to fix the tenure of their offices."

In which amendments I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and laid before the Council of Revision, bills of the following titles:

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Spoon river Navigation Company;"

"An act to protect owners of wood-yards against the illegal acts of steamboat masters and officers;"

"An act concerning certain counties therein named;" and

"An act for the further restriction of imprisonment for debt."

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The rule was dispensed with, and Senate chapters 74 and 81 of Revised Statutes were taken up, read by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and said chapters were read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the chapters were read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Constable, a Senator:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have laid on the table, until the 4th of July next, a Senate bill, as amended by the House of Representatives, entitled

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to amend the several acts in relation to common schools,' " passed 4th March, 1837.

The Senate have passed a bill, entitled

"An act to revive certain acts therein named."

In the passage of which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

On motion,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Starkweather, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, bills of the following titles:

"An act incorporating the Rockford Cemetery Association;"

"An act to authorize the school commissioner of Montgomery county to settle a certain demand;"

"An act for the relief of the late collector of Shelby county;"

"An act to amend the charter of the city of Alton;"

"An act for the relief of James M. Jones, of Gallatin county;"

"An act concerning certain State roads therein named;"

"An act to authorize the school commissioner of La Salle county to pay over certain money to townships twenty-nine and thirty north, range one east of the third principal meridian;"

"An act to change the name of Coles & Erskine's addition to the town of Chester, to that of Menard, and for other purposes;"

"An act to authorize the counties of Boone and Winnebago to levy certain taxes for county purposes;"

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act concerning public roads,' approved February 20, 1841.

House bill for "An act for the benefit of Thomas H. Campbell," was read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

House bill for "An act for the relief of James Mitchell," was read the second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and he introduced the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the Secretary of State shall furnish to the binders of the revised laws and other journals, &c., sufficient paper from the outside quires and otherwise, for the fly leaves of said revised laws, journals, &c.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

House bill for "An act to provide for the sale of certain property therein described," was read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The main question was ordered.

The question was then taken on the passage of the bill, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have laid on the table until the 4th of July next, a bill from the House of Representatives, entitled

“An act to provide for printing the laws as compiled by this General Assembly, and letting the same to the lowest responsible bidder.”

The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of bills entitled

“An act to incorporate the Roscoe Cemetery Association;”

“An act to locate a State road from Mount Sterling in Brown county, to Griggsville in Pike county;” and

“An act providing for funding the debt of La Salle county, and for the payment of the interest thereon.”

On motion of Mr. Zieber,

The rule was dispensed with, and House bill for “An act to authorize the town of Peoria to construct water works,” read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Senate amendments to House bill for “An act authorizing the School Commissioner of Greene county to sell certain property purchased on execution,” was read; when

Mr. Sexton moved to amend the amendments of the Senate, by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

“That this act shall in no way be so construed as to legalize any bonds that have not been sold in accordance with law; and all such bonds so sold shall be left open to judicial investigation; and that the Governor shall not pay any interest on bonds fraudulently obtained.”

The amendment was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

Laid on the table, by yeas and nays, on the call of Messrs. Hicks and Sexton, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of M'Lean, Deskines, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—67.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Funkhouser, Hanson, Harriott, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Kirkpatrick, Moore, Morris, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Robbins, Scott of Macopin, Sexton, Starkweather, Thompson, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Youngkin.—35.

Mr. Hicks moved to lay the amendments of the Senate on the table, which was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Hicks and Benedict, as follows :

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Moore, Morris, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Starkweather, Thompson, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Youngkin.—35.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Jackson of M'Henry, Janney, Jewell, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—66.

On motion of Mr. Scott of De Witt,

The main question was ordered, by yeas and nays, on the call of Messrs. Sexton and Hicks, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Wood, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—69.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Kirkpatrick, Moore, Morris, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Robbins, Sexton, Starkweather, Thompson, White of Washington, Whiteside, Woodburn, Woollard and Youngkin.—34.

The question was then taken on concurring with the Senate in their amendments to the bill, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the call of Messrs. Benedict, and Davis of Williamson, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott,

Henderson, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—67.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Moore, Morris, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Starkweather, Thompson, Turley, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard and Youngkin.—37.

The amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill, was then concurred in, by yeas and nays, on the call of Messrs. Sexton and Prevo, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Dunbar, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Ricks, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart Strong, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Wood, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—73.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Davis of Williamson, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Kirkpatrick, Morris, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Robbins, Sexton, Starkweather, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, White of Washington, Woollard, Woodburn and Youngkin.—28.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The bill for "An act to provide for paying a portion of the interest on the public debt," with the Senate amendments thereto, was taken up for consideration, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Boyakin and Sexton, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Dunbar, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Janney, Jewell, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne,

Stewart, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Wood, Woodburn, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—67.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Kirkpatrick, Moore, Morris, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Starkweather, Thompson, Turley, White of Washington, Whiteside, Woollard and Youngkin.—34.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The main question was ordered, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Benedict and Turley, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Wood, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—69.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Hanson, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Kirkpatrick, Moore, Morris, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Robbins, Starkweather, Turley, Vedder, White of Washington, Whiteside, Woodburn and Woollard.—33.

The question was then taken on concurring with the Senate in their amendments to the bill, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the call of Messrs. Hicks, and Davis of Williamson, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Brown, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Ross, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starne, Stewart, Strong, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Yates, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—66.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Bradley, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Huffman, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Moore, Morris, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Reed,

Robbins, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Starkweather, Thompson, Turley, White of Washington, Whiteside, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn and Youngkin.—39.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate amendments to House bill for "An act to amend 'An act to authorize St. Clair county to establish a ferry across the Mississippi river,'" was read; when,

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The bill and amendments were laid on the table.

Senate amendments to House bill for "An act to authorize the School Commissioners of Tazewell and McLean counties to pay over school moneys to the counties of Woodford and Mason," was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate amendment to House bill for "An act for the relief of Amos Durbin," was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate amendment to House bill for "An act for the relinquishment by the State of Illinois to the city of Quincy, of her right to the bed of the rail-road, as laid out through said city," was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate amendment to House bill for "An act to incorporate the Lake Michigan Hydraulic Company," was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate amendments to House bill for "An act for the benefit of schools of township eight north of range six east, in Effingham county," were read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate amendments to House bill for "An act to provide for the election of certain officers therein named, and to fix the tenure of their offices," was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act to fix the times of holding courts in the seventh and ninth judicial circuits," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Jewell,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Jewell, Smith of Bureau, and Gregg be that committee.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed chapter 23 of Revised Statutes, in which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

They have also concurred with the House of Representatives in their amendments to Senate bills entitled as follows:

"An act to incorporate the Chicago and Juliet Turnpike Company;"

"An act to vacate parts of certain town plats therein named;"

"An act to authorize the county of Marshall to transcribe records from Putnam county;"

"An act concerning the Territorial and other records of Illinois;"

"An act to incorporate the Henderson county Turnpike Company;" and

"An act to incorporate the Byron Hydraulic Company."

The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of bills entitled

"An act to legalize the acts of the Trustees of the town of Chester, in Randolph county;"

"An act for the relief of James Ryan;" and

"An act authorizing the Board of Auditors to settle certain claims therein named;"—the two latter bills as amended by the Senate—in which amendments they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have also concurred with the House of Representatives in the adoption of their resolution directing the Secretary of State to furnish the binders of the Revised Laws, &c., with certain paper.

Senate bill for **"An act to revive certain acts therein named,"** was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Senate bill for **"An act for the relief of the estate of Robert Davis,"** was read the first time and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by the title, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate bill for **"An act to vacate a part of the town plat of the town of Perry, in the county of Pike,"** was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Metz,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Hicks,

Leave was given him to withdraw certain accounts from the files of the House.

Mr. Loop, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for **"An act to prevent trespassing on State lands;"**

And as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision,

"An act to authorize John Foster and others to construct a mill-dam on the Mississippi river;"

"An act to create a justice of the peace and constable in the town of Plymouth, in Hancock county;"

"An act for the relief of the infant heirs of John Norris, deceased;"

"An act to authorize Joseph Cox and others to construct a mill-dam on the Mississippi river;"

"An act to legalize the sale of property made by Joseph Smith."

Mr. Butler asked and obtained leave to withdraw sundry petitions.

Mr. Arenz asked leave to withdraw the papers relative to the Hancock disturbances; which was granted.

Senate bill for "An act for the relief of certain settlers on State lands," was read the third time, as amended by the House, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in the amendments of the House to said bill.

Senate bill for "An act concerning the counties of Union, Alexander and Pulaski," was read the third time and passed, as amended by the House.

On motion of Mr. Woodburn;

The title of the bill was amended, by adding the words "Clinton and Washington."

Ordered, That the title be as amended, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in the House amendments to the bill and title.

Mr. Jewell obtained leave to withdraw certain petitions.

Mr. Wood obtained leave to withdraw certain petitions and remonstrances.

Senate bill for "An act to amend 'An act to provide for the election of probate justices of the peace,'" was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act in relation to the distribution of the laws," was read the third time, and,

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

Laid on the table.

Senate bill for "An act declaring the Cut-off, at the town of Mantanzas, in Mason county, navigable," coming up on its third reading; when,

On motion of Mr. Logan,

It was laid on the table, until the 4th of July next.

Senate bill for "An act concerning the location of a certain road therein mentioned," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act concerning the town of Aurora, in Kane county," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act to incorporate the town of Golconda," was read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for "An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners in other States," was read the third time.

Mr. Ross moved to lay the bill on the table; which was decided in the negative.

Mr. Ross moved to refer the bill to the committee on the Judiciary; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Sexton moved to refer the bill to a select committee; which was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The main question was ordered.

The bill then passed, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Parrish and Hicks, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Burnett, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Dunbar, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Lockard, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Nye, Pickering, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Strong, Turley, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Woodburn and Yates.—54.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Funkhouser, Hendry, Hicks, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Miller of Fulton, Morris, Myers, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Thompson, Vedder, Woollard, Wood and Mr. Speaker.—33.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Kuykendall reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to prevent trespassing upon State lands."

Mr. Sharp asked and obtained leave to withdraw petitions and remonstrances from Fulton county.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to introduce the following resolution; which was read and adopted:

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of the members of this House, be presented to the Hon. William A. Richardson, for the very able, industrious, dignified and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the House of Representatives, during the present session of this Legislature.

Mr. Deskines asked and obtained leave to withdraw certain petitions, &c.

Mr. Benedict asked leave of absence for Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, and before leave was granted,

The House adjourned until 7 o'clock, P. M.

SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

Senate chapter 23 of Revised Statutes was taken up, and, on his further motion, the rule was dispensed with, and the chapter read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hufman,

The rule was again dispensed with, and the chapter read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

The rule was dispensed with, and the chapter read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

“An act for the relief of Joseph L. Ruddeck and Margarét Ruddeck;”

“An act authorizing administrators and executors from other States to prosecute suits in this State;”

“An act concerning corporations;”

“An act to save a portion of the revenue from being lost;”

“An act to legalize the acts of William E. Franklin, as notary public in Rock Island county;”

“An act to authorize Peck and Carpenter to build a mill-dam across Fox river;”

“An act in relation to certain mill dams in the Little Wabash river.”

Ordered, That the titles of said bills be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill for “An act to re-locate the public square in the town of Plainfield, Will county, State of Illinois,” coming up for consideration,

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Turley,

The rule was dispensed with, and Senate bill for “An act to change the name of the town of Fairfield, in Pike county, to that of Pleasant Hill,” was read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

The rule was dispensed with, and Senate bill for “An act to legalize the transcribed records of Madison county, for lands situated in the county of McDonough,” was read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Huffman,

The rule was dispensed with, and Senate bill for “An act to incorporate the Rock river Dam and Bridge Company, and to improve the navigation of said river,” was read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Senate:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of bills entitled:

“An act to incorporate the Rushville High School Association;” and

"An act to drain a marsh in Grouse Point precinct, in Cook county;" the latter bill as amended by the Senate; in which amendment I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Senate amendments to House bill for "An act authorizing the Board of Auditors to settle certain claims therein named," was read, and

On motion of Mr. Butler,

The bill and amendment were laid on the table.

House bill for "An act to prevent trespassing upon State lands," was read the third time.

Mr. Hicks moved to lay the bill on the table; which was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, on the call of Messrs. Hicks and Parrish, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Harriott, Hicks, O'Connor, Parrish, Pitner, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Scott of De Witt, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Turley, White of Washington and Woollard.—21.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Churchill, Collins, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Desjardines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Halcy, Hannaford, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Huffman, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Loop, Lott, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morris, Myers, Nye, Pickering, Pratt, Prevo, Rawlings, Ross, Sherman, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Vedder, Wagner, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Wood, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber.—70.

The bill then passed.

Mr. Barnett moved to amend the title of the bill so as to make it a bill for "An act for the protection of coons and bees."

On motion of Mr. Lockard,

The amendment was laid on the table.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Thompson moved to re-consider the vote on laying on the table, a bill for "An act authorizing the board of Auditors to settle certain claims therein named."

Pending the motion,

The House adjourned.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Richmond.

Mr. Morrille presented the petition of Sarah Weerman and 112 others praying for a repeal or amendment of certain laws, which, without reading, was, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Davis of McLean, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred a bill for "An act to establish and maintain common schools," reported the same back to the House.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On his motion, the rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Benedict, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to authorise William Clapp and John Hodges to collect taxes," reported the same back to the House and recommended its passage.

On his motion, the rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Churchill, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill for "An act for the relief of John Cooper, collector of revenue for Madison county, for the year 1841," reported the same back to the House and recommended its passage.

Ordered that the bill be read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Churchill,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Parrish, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of Charles Ballance, praying relief for damages, reported the same back to the House; which, on his motion, was laid on the table.

Mr. Zieber asked and obtained leave to withdraw the above petition.

Mr. Parrish, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Clay county, praying for the passage of an act for the relief of James Cheek, reported the same back and asked to be discharged from its further consideration; which was granted.

On his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Lott, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred Senate bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act regulating the mode of taking depositions, and to provide for the perpetuating of testimony,'" approved Feb. 9th, 1827, reported the same back to the House with amendments which were read and concurred in.

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Lott,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Benedict, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred Senate bill for "An act to incorporate the Sangamon and Morgan Railroad Company," reported the same back to the House, without amendment.

Mr. Benedict moved to amend the bill by adding the following as an additional section:

"SEC. 19. Nothing contained in this act shall ever be so construed, as to deny the right or power of the General Assembly, to alter, amend or repeal this act, whenever the public good shall require the same."

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The proposed amendment was laid on the table, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Woodburn and Benedict, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Backenstos, Butler, Churchill, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Fletcher, Gregg, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Janney, Leighton, Logan, Loop, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Myers, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Randolph, Rawlings, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Stewart, Strong, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Yates and Youngkin.—48.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Funkhouser, Hick, Hicks, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Manning, McDonald, Moore, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parish, Prevo, Reed, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Starne, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, Wagner, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—14.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The bill was amended by striking out 'ten' in the 17th line, 12th section, and inserting '25;' when the bill, as amended, was

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill, as amended, passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in the amendments of the House to said bill.

A message from the Council of Revision, by Mr. Hawley, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to say that the Council of Revision has approved bills of the following titles, to wit:

"An act for the settlement of the accounts of James Shepherd late collector of Sangamon county;"

"An act to authorise the counties of Boone and Winnebago to levy certain taxes for county purposes;"

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act concerning public roads,' approved Feb. 20, 1841;

"An act for the relief of James M. Jones, of Gallatin county;"

"An act for the relief of Thomas Short, late collector of the revenue in Vermilion county;"

"An act to amend 'An act to change the time of holding courts in the fifth judicial circuit,'" approved March 4, 1843;

"An act for the relief of Alfred Shattuck;"

"An act to amend the charter of the city of Alton;"

"An act to change the name of Coles and Erskine's addition to the town of Chester, to that of Menard, and for other purposes;"

"An act for the relief of the late collector of Shelby county;"

"An act to enable Joseph Adkins to establish a ferry across the Sangamon river;"

"An act to authorize the county commissioners of Putnam and Bureau counties to lease the ferry at Hennepin, and for other purposes;"

"An act concerning certain State roads therein named;"

"An act incorporating the Rockford Cemetery Association;"

"An act to authorize the school commissioner of Montgomery county to settle a certain demand;"

"An act to authorize the school commissioner of La Salle county to pay over certain money to townships twenty-nine and thirty north, range one east of the third principal meridian;"

"An act to authorize John Foster and others to construct a mill-dam on the Mississippi river;"

"An act to create a justice of the peace and constable in the town of Plymouth, in Hancock county;"

"An act to legalize the sale of property made by Joseph Smith;"

"An act for the relief of the infant heirs of John Norris, deceased;"

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Spoon river Navigation Company;' "

"An act to protect owners of woodyards against the illegal acts of steamboat masters and officers;"

"An act concerning certain counties therein named;"

"An act to authorize Joseph Cox and others to construct a mill dam on the Mississippi river;"

"An act for the further restriction of imprisonment for debt;"

"An act for the relief of Lovell Kimball," is returned with objections.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Enrolled bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills have directed me to report as correctly enrolled and this day laid before the Council of Revision, "An act to provide for paying a portion of the interest on the State debt;" also,

"An act supplemental to an act to provide for the completion of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, and for the payment of the Canal debt," approved February 21, 1843; also,

"An act providing for funding the debt of La Salle county, and for the payment of the interest thereon."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Harrison, a Senator:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of bills entitled as follows:

"An act relating to the tax collector of Franklin county, for the year 1843;"

"An act to build a bridge across the Fox river, at Ottawa, in La Salle county."

The Senate have also concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of a bill entitled:

"An act to establish the Jo Daviess County Court," as amended by the Senate; in which amendment they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of bills entitled as follows:

"An act for the relief of the securities of H. Vanderhoof, late a collector of Jasper county;"

"An act to authorize actions at law against foreign corporations;"

"An act for the relief of Joseph Reynolds of Gallatin county;"

"An act to exempt burying grounds from taxes, executions and attachments;"

"An act for the location of certain State roads therein named, and for the vacation of other State roads;" and

"An act to authorize the counties of Stephenson, Carroll and Ogle, to levy a special tax for county purposes."

Mr. Benedict, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, to which was referred Senate bill for "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to diminish the State debt and put the State Bank into liquidation,'" and to amend "An act entitled 'An act to reduce the public debt one million of dollars and to put the Bank of Illinois into liquidation,'" reported the same back to the House and recommended its passage.

On motion of Mr. Davis of McLean,

The bill was amended by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

"That hereafter so much of any law as requires that the State shall pay any sum for any commissioner for the State Bank of Illinois, is hereby repealed.

The said commissioner shall be allowed for his services the sum of two hundred dollars to be paid by the said bank.

This act to take effect from and after its passage."

The bill was

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Manning,

Resolved by the General Assembly, the Senate concurring herein, That the public printer upon the direction and selection of the Governor, be authorised and required to publish in pamphlet form, and transmit to the clerks of the county commissioners' and circuit courts of the several counties of this State, such laws of a general nature passed at this session of the General Assembly, as are in force upon their passage, or soon after the adjournment of the Legislature.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Collins, from the Committee on Retrenchment, to which was referred a bill for "An act to prevent the further borrowing or disbursing of money for internal improvements, and to set apart a sinking fund for the liquidation of the State debt;" reported the same back to the House, and recommended its rejection.

The House refused to order said bill to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Parrish,

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the private acts of the present session be ordered to be bound in the same manner as the Journals and Reports are bound, and that the same

price be allowed, as is at present allowed for binding said Journals and Reports.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Boyakin, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to limit the tenure of office of masters in chancery," reported the same back to the House, and recommended its passage.

Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Nye,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Hick, from the Committee on Salines, to which was referred two bills of the following titles:

"An act to authorize the county commissioners of Coles county to select lands therein named; and

"An act in relation to counties which have not received their proportion of the proceeds of saline lands;" reported them back to the House, and recommended their rejection; when the House refused to order the bills to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Miller of Fulton, from the Committee on State Roads, to which was referred sundry petitions and remonstrances of the citizens of Coles county, in relation to State roads, reported the same back to the House, and asked to be discharged from their further consideration; which was granted.

On his motion, said petitions were laid on the table.

Mr. Miller of Fulton, from the Committee on State Roads, to which was referred a bill for "An act to locate a State road from Toulon in Stark county to Oquaka in Henderson county," reported the same back to the House, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration; which was granted.

The House refused to order the bill to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a petition, reported a bill for "An act to authorize the city of Galena to levy a tax," which was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Aldrich moved to dispense with the rule and read the bill the second time by the title.

Mr. Thompson moved to lay the bill upon the table; which was not agreed to.

The bill was then

Ordered, to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Anderson of Lawrence, for the balance of this session.

Mr. Lott, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of William H. Bradley and 164 others of Jo Daviess county, praying for an alteration of the license law, reported the same back to the House and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject; which was granted, and on his motion laid on the table.

Mr. Warren, from the Committee on Counties, to which was referred the petitions of sundry citizens of Boone county, and remonstrances of sundry citizens of De Kalb county, reported the same back to the House, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which was granted.

On his motion, the petitions were laid on the table.

Mr. Jackson of McHenry asked and obtained leave to withdraw the above named petition.

Mr. Miller of Winnebago, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred Senate bill for "An act concerning estrays," reported the same back, and recommended its rejection, when the House refused to order the bill to a third reading.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Loop, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to create the county of Oakaw, out of part of the county of Coles."

Mr. Manning, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act authorizing masters in chancery to grant writs of *certiorari*," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Manning,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill for "An act for the relief of the collector of McDonough county," reported the same back to the House, with a substitute, which was read and concurred in; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Arnold, from the Committee on Canals and Canal Lands, to which was referred a communication from the Governor, transmitting a letter from the Hon. Stephen A. Douglass, accompanying a treatise on the subject of western defences, reported the same back to the House, and recommended their publication in the volume of Reports, also in the State Register; which was ordered.

Mr. Gregg, from the select committee to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act to fix the times of holding courts in the seventh and ninth judicial circuits," reported the same back with an amendment, which was read; when,

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The bill and amendment were referred back to the same select committee.

A message from the Council of Revision, by Mr. Hawley their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to say that the Council of Revision has approved bills of the following titles, to wit:

“An act making certain appropriations for provisions furnished the troops during the recent disturbances in Hancock county;”

“An act supplemental to ‘An act to provide for the completion of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, and for the payment, of the Canal debt,’” approved February 21, 1843; and

“An act to provide for paying a portion of the interest on the State debt.”

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Davis, a Senator:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of a bill entitled “An act to lease the Penitentiary.”

Mr. Benedict, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, to which were referred the petitions and remonstrances of sundry citizens of the city of Springfield, reported the same back to the House, and asked to be discharged from their further consideration, which was granted.

On his motion, they were laid on the table.

Mr. Warren, from the Committee on Counties, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Kendall county, praying that a certain part of La Salle county be attached to the county of Kendall, reported the same back to the House, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, which was granted, and, on his motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Warren, also from the same committee, reported back to the House the petition of William Young and others, praying the creation of a new county out of parts of Cook and Will, reported the same back to the House, and was discharged from their further consideration; when,

On his motion, they were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill for “An act making appropriations for the years 1845 and 1846,” was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Logan moved to amend the bill by adding the following: “To William McDonald, in addition to the allowance already made, sixty-six dollars and twenty-six cents.”

Mr. Hicks moved to amend the amendment by adding the following: “To Joseph C. Duncan, three hundred and fourteen dollars;” which was agreed to.

Mr. Loop moved further to amend the amendment by adding the following: “To John Von Horn, for map made by request of the Secretary, in pursuance of a resolution of the House requiring him to procure one, one hundred dollars.”

Mr. Logan moved further to amend by adding, “to be paid when said map is finished.”

Mr. Deskines moved to lay said amendment on the table, which was not agreed to; when the amendment as amended was agreed to.

The question was then taken on the passage of the bill, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Ross and Nye, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Burnett, Churchill, Collins, Cox, Dunbar, Emerson, Gregg, Haley, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Hick, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Lockard, Logan, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Myers, O'Connor, Pickering, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Robbins, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Vedder, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Yates and Mr. Speaker.—55.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Cochran, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Hanson, Herndon, Hicks, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lott, Morris, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Reed, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Bureau, Starkweather, Starne, Thompson, Turley, White of Washington, Wilkinson, Wood, Woodburn and Woollard—40.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Hanson, from the Committee on Counties, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act to create the county of Highland out of the counties of Marquette and Adams," together with various petitions and remonstrances on the same subject, reported them back to the House, and asked to be discharged from their further consideration.

Mr. Lott demanded a call of the House, which was ordered.

The names being called, it appeared that the following members were absent, viz: Messrs. Alexander, Butler, Campbell, Denning, Hannaford, Jackson of Stark, Leighton, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Nye, Scott of De Witt, Sexton, Sherman, Wilcox, Youngkin and Zieber.

After some time spent in said call,

On motion of Mr. Yates,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with; when,

On motion of Mr. Hick,

The bill, remonstrances and petitions were laid on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Constable, a Senator:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the adoption of two several resolutions;—the one proposing that private acts of the present session be bound in the same manner as the Journals and Reports, &c.; and the other requiring the Public Printers, under the direction of the Governor, to publish in pamphlet form, &c., certain laws of a general nature passed at the present session;—the latter resolution as amended by the Senate; in which amendment the Senate ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have passed a bill entitled "An act for the final settlement of accounts with the contractors upon the Illinois and Michigan Canal;" which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have re passed a bill for "An act to alter and amend the law concerning interest on money and usury," by the constitutional majority, the objections of the Council of Revision, herewith transmitted, to the contrary notwithstanding; in which re-passage I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Ross, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill for "An act to incorporate the Mount Palatine Academy."

Mr. Aldrich, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, a bill for "An act to lease the Penitentiary."

On motion of Mr. Morrille,

The bill for "An act to incorporate the Mount Palatine Academy," was taken up; when,

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Manning, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for "An act to provide for the collection of debts," reported the same back to the House, with a substitute; which was read.

Mr. Ross moved to amend the substitute by inserting the word 'Governor,' after the words 'Attorney General.'

Mr. Cochran moved to lay the amendment on the table; which was not agreed to.

The question was then taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Ross, and decided in the affirmative.

The question then recurring on the substitute, as amended, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Pickering and Harriott; and before the question was taken,

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The amendment of the Senate to House bill for "An act to drain a marsh in Grouse Point precinct, in Cook county," was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

The amendment of the Senate to a House bill for "An act for the relief of James Ryan," was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Reed,

Leave was given him to withdraw from the files of the House, certain petitions and remonstrances relative to obstructions of the navigation of the Little Wabash river.

On motion of Mr. Starkweather,

Leave was given him to withdraw from the files of the House, certain

petitions and remonstrances relative to the re-annexation of Cumberland county to the county of Coles.

The amendments of the Senate to a House bill for "An act to establish the Jo Daviess County Court," was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Council of Revision, by Mr. Hawley, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to say that the Council of Revision have approved bills of the following titles:

"An act providing for funding the debt of La Salle county, and for the payment of the interest thereon;" and

"An act to lease the Penitentiary."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of a bill entitled

"An act to incorporate the Aurora and Chicago Plank Road Company."

The question being taken on the motion made by Mr. Thompson to re-consider the vote laying on the table, a bill for "An act authorizing the Board of Auditors to settle certain claims therein named," pending when the House adjourned on last evening, it was decided in the affirmative; when

Mr. Arnold moved to amend the bill, by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

"SEC. 2. The Governor is hereby authorized to settle with the late contractors on the Illinois and Michigan Canal, and pay them the amount of damages assessed to them, and which the State is legally liable to pay; and he shall pay no illegal claims: to be paid in canal scrip."

Mr. Pitner moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table; which was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Arnold and Hicks, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Barnsback, Benedict, Boy-akin, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Davis of Williamson, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Hardie, Herndon, Hicks, Huffman, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Sexton, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Thompson, White of Scott, Woollard, Yates, Youngkin, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—47.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Burnett, Butler, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Davis of McLean, Deskines, Gregg, Haley, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Hendry, Hick, Jackson of McHenry, Janney, Jewell, Leighton, Loop, Manning, Miller of Winnebago, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Pratt, Ricks, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Stewart, Turley, Vedder, Wagner, White of Menard, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wood and Woodburn.—16.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The bill was laid on the table, by yeas and nays, on the de Messrs. Boyakin and Oglesby, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Armstrong, Backenstos, Benedict, Boyakin, ley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Will Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Haley, Hanson, E Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Le Lockard, Lott, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Morris, Nye, O' Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Reed, Robbins Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Stepl Starkweather, Turley, Vedder, White of Washington, Wilkinson, lard, Wood, Woodburn, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—56.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arnold, Barnsback, I Churchill, Collins, Gregg, Hardie, Harper, Herndon, Huffman, I Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Fulton, Miller of Winne Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Rawlings, Smith of Sangamon, Ste Thompson, Wagner, White of Menard, White of Scott, Wilcox Yates.—30.

The message from the Senate relative to the re-passage of a bill for act to alter and amend the law concerning interest on money and use the objections of the Council of Revision to the contrary notwithstanding coming up for consideration,

On motion of Mr. Benedict,

A call of the House was ordered; when it appeared that the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Backenstos, Barnsback, Bradley, Hannaford, Lott, Scott of Witt, Sherman, Wilcox and Wilkinson.—9.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The objections of the Council of Revision to the said bill were then read; when

Mr. Arnold moved to refer the bill and the objections of the Council to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The main question was ordered.

The question was then taken on the re-passage of the bill, the objection of the Council of Revision to the contrary notwithstanding, and decided in the negative, (the constitutional majority not voting therefor,) by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Armstrong, Backenstos, Benedict, Boyakin, Brin ley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Haley, Hanson, Harriott, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Janney, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, McDonald, Miller of Adams, Morris, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Randolph, Reed, Ricks, Robbins Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Sharp, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Turley, Vedder, Vineyard, White of Washington, Wood, Woodburn, Woollard, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—57.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Butler, Churchill, Cushman, Fletcher, Gregg, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hernon, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Logan, Loop, Manning, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Rawlings, Smith of Sangamon, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Yates and Zieber.—39.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of bills entitled:

“An act to facilitate the collection of debts by executors and administrators in desperate cases;”

“An act for the benefit of Garret M. Blue, late sheriff of the county of Livingston;”

“An act authorizing the securities of the late collector of Cass county, to settle with the State;” and

“An act to incorporate the Hygean Seminary, at Western Saratoga, in Union county.”

The Senate have laid on the table until the 4th of July next, the bill of the House, entitled, “An act for the relief of Stevens and Trenchery.”

Mr. Loop, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision,

“An act for the location of certain State roads therein named, and for the vacation of other State roads;”

“An act to authorize the school commissioners of Tazewell and Menard counties to pay over certain moneys;”

“An act relating to the tax collector of Franklin county for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-three;”

“An act to build a bridge across the Fox river at Ottawa, in La Salle county;”

“An act for the relief of Amos Durbin and Benjamin Van Etten;”

“An act making appropriations to Capt. Nathan Stephenson and others;”

“An act for the relinquishment by the State of Illinois, to the city of Quincy, of her right to the bed of the railroad as laid out through said city;”

“An act to authorize actions at law against foreign corporations;”

“An act to incorporate the Lake Michigan Hydraulic Company;”

“An act for the transfer of certain school funds from the county of Sangamon to the county of Macon,” and

“An act for the relief of James Ryan and others.”

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of a bill entitled, “An act regulating the assessment and collection of the public revenue,” with sundry amendments, in which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Aldrich, from the Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, a bill for “An act to establish the Jo Daviess county court.”

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of bills entitled:

"An act to incorporate the Cherry Grove Seminary, in Knox county;" and

"An act to incorporate the town of Knoxville, in Knox county."

The amendment of the Senate to a resolution of the House requiring the public printers to publish in pamphlet form, laws of a general nature passed at the present session, &c., was read; when

On motion of Mr. Manning,

A call of the House was ordered, and it appeared that the following members were absent, viz:

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Alexander, Backenstos, Bradley, Brown, Denning, Fletcher, Haley, Hannaford, Henderson, Hick, Huffman, Leighton, Loop, McDonald, Miller of Fulton, Morris, O'Connor, Parrish, Randolph, Ricks, Scott of De Witt, Sharp, Sherman, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, Vedder, White of Menard, White of Scott, White of Washington and Woodburn—32.

Pending the call, Mr. Ross, on leave, reported from the committee on Finance, a Senate bill for "An act for the relief of the heirs of Robert Davis," without amendment and recommended its passage.

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Starne,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Ross moved to amend the amendment of the Senate by striking out the words 'and Sangamon Journal,' and also that portion requiring papers to be furnished to the clerks of the courts; which was not agreed to.

The amendment of the Senate was then concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Council of Revision, by Mr. Hawley, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to say that the Council of Revision has approved bills of the following titles, to wit:

"An act to authorise the school commissioners of Tazewell and Menard counties to pay over certain moneys;"

"An act making appropriations to Captain Nathan Stephenson and others;"

"An act for the relief of James Ryan and others;"

"An act relating to the tax collector of Franklin county, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-three;"

"An act for the transfer of certain school funds from the county of Sangamon to the county of Macon;"

"An act for the relief Amos Durbin and Benjamin Van Etten;"

"An act for the relinquishment by the State of Illinois, to the city of

Quincy, of her right to the bed of the railroad as laid out through said city;"

"An act to incorporate the Lake Michigan Hydraulic Company;"

"An act to build a bridge across the Fox river, at Ottawa, in La Salle county;"

"An act to establish the Jo Daviess county court;"

"An act to authorise actions at law against foreign corporations," is returned with objections.

The Council of Revision have had under consideration "An act to authorise actions at law in this State, against foreign corporations," and return the same with the following objections:

The law authorises actions to be brought in this State against foreign corporations and makes the service of process upon the President or Cashier, agent or clerk of such corporation sufficient for that purpose; process should be served upon the officer and in the manner provided in the charter, and any other service would be a nullity. To make service of process upon any clerk or agent of a corporation sufficient, would result in making the proceeding against such corporation of no avail whatsoever in the State vs. government in which the same exists and would be liable to the most gross abuse in reaching property in this State.

JAS. SHIELDS,
SAM'L. D. LOCKWOOD,
THOMAS FORD,
WILLIAM WILSON,
THOMAS C. BROWNE.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

A bill for "An act regulating the assessment and collection of the public revenue," as amended by the Senate was taken up.

The amendments of the Senate thereto were read; when Mr. Boyakin moved to amend the same, by adding the following, as an additional section, viz:

"Taxation shall hereafter be by valuation, so that every person shall pay a tax in proportion to the value of the property in his or her possession."

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The proposed amendment was laid on the table.

The question was then taken on concurring with the Senate in their amendments and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Loop, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, bills of the following titles:

"An act to incorporate the town of Knoxville, in Knox county;"

"An act to facilitate the collection of debts by executors and administrators in desperate cases;" and

"An act to incorporate the Cherry Grove Seminary, in Knox county."

On motion,

The House adjourned till 7 o'clock, P. M.

SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The rule was dispensed with, and leave given him to report from the select committee, to which was referred a Senate bill for "An act to fix the times of holding courts in the seventh and ninth judicial circuits;" when he reported the same back with an amendment, which was read and concurred in, and the bill as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by the title and passed.

On his further motion, the title was amended by striking out the words 'and ninth.'

Ordered, That the title be as amended, and that the clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in said amendments.

A Senate bill for "An act to revive certain acts therein named," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the clerk inform the Senate thereof.

A Senate bill for "An act for the final settlement of accounts with the contractors upon the Illinois and Michigan canal," was read the first time, and on motion of Mr. Hicks, laid on the table, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Stewart and Brinkley, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriett, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Hicks, Huffman, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lockard, Logan, Lott, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevost, Rawlings, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Starkweather, Strong, Thompson, Turley, White of Scott, Whiteside, Woollard, Wood, Yates, Youngkin and Zieber.—61.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Burnett, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Gregg, Hick, Janney, Loop, McDonald, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, O'Connor, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Vedder, White of Menard, White of Washington, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker.—22.

The preamble and resolution of the Senate, relative to the imprisonment of Governor Dorr, and the charter government of Rhode Island, coming up for consideration.

The question recurring on the motion made by Mr. Ross for the previous question, pending when the subject was before the House some days since, it was decided in the affirmative.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. Aldrich, and was decided in the negative.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the preamble and resolu-

tion, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Aldrich and Benedict, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Backenstos, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Butler, Campbell, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Funkhouser, Hendry, Hick, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Loop, Lott, Miller of Adams, Miller of Fulton, Morris, Nye, O'Connor, Oglesby, Parrish, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Bureau, Thompson, Turley, Vedder, Wagner, White of Washington, Wilkinson, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Zieber and Mr. Speaker.—49.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Armstrong, Barnsback, Churchill, Davis of M'Lean, Dunbar, Emerson, Haley, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Henderson, Herndon, Huffman, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrison, Myers, Pickering, Rawlings, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Strong, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Yates and Youngkin.—33.

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

A Senate bill for "An act more effectually to prevent trespassing by cutting timber," laid on the table some days since was taken up for consideration; when,

Mr. Logan moved to amend the bill, by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting the following, in lieu thereof, viz:

"That the Governor shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint a Prosecuting Attorney for the Jo Daviess county court, who shall hold his office for two years, and until his successor is duly appointed, and shall perform all the duties in said court, and have all the power and authority which the State's Attorneys have in their respective circuit courts."

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The proposed amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Deskines moved to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting the following, in lieu thereof, viz:

"That the rate of interest upon the loan or forbearance of any money, goods or things in action, shall continue to be six dollars upon one hundred dollars for one year, and after that rate for a greater or less sum or for a longer or shorter time.

SEC. 2. No person or corporation shall directly or indirectly accept or receive in money, goods, discounts or things in action, or in any other way, any greater sum or greater value for the loan, forbearance or discount of any money, goods or things in action than as above described.

SEC. 3. Whenever a suit shall be brought upon any contract or assurance for the payment of money or any other thing, it shall appear to the court before which the same shall be tried, by the pleadings on the case, or by filing an affidavit of the fact when the trial is before a justice of the peace, that a greater rate of interest shall have been directly or indirectly taken, discounted or reserved, than is allowed by this act, the defendant shall recover his full costs, and the plaintiff shall forfeit three-fold the amount of the whole interest charged, reserved, discounted or taken and shall have execution for the balance only which may remain due upon said contract

or assurance, after deducting three-fold the amount of said interest, which three-fold as aforesaid, the court or justice shall compute, and award one-third to be retained by the defendant, and render judgment against said defendant for the other two-thirds thereof, in favor of the school commissioner of the county where the cause of action originated; provided, that said forfeiture shall in no case exceed the whole amount demanded upon said contract or assurance; which said judgment so rendered in favor of said school commissioner, may be collected on execution to be issued on said judgment, and the money when so collected, shall be paid over to the school commissioner for the use of the school fund of said county.

SEC. 4. If any person or corporation shall directly or indirectly contract to accept or receive in money, goods, discount or things in action, any greater sum or greater value for the loan or forbearance, or discount of any money, goods or things in action, than is prescribed in this act, he, she or they, shall forfeit and pay to the person suing for the same, three-fold the amount of the whole interest so contracted to be received, discounted or taken, provided that said suit be not commenced by either of the contracting parties, and the provisions of this act shall extend to suits commenced by, and in the name of assignees as well as the payees of promisory notes and due bills with or without notice.

SEC. 5. Every person, who for any such loan, discount or forbearance shall deliver or pay any greater sum or value than is above allowed to be received or taken, his personal representatives as well as himself, may recover in an action against the person who shall have taken or received the same, and his personal representatives, three-fold the amount of the money so paid or value delivered, above the rate of interest allowed by this act, in an action of debt or assumpsit before any court or justice of the peace having jurisdiction thereof, or by bill in chancery in the circuit court, upon which judgment so rendered as aforesaid, an execution may issue as in other cases; provided, said action shall be brought, or bill filed within two years from the time such usurious interest was paid.

SEC. 6. In any trial, of any action wherein it shall appear by the pleadings, that the fact of usury shall be put in issue, it shall be lawful for the debtor, the creditor being alive, to become a witness, and his testimony shall be received as evidence, and the creditor if he shall offer his testimony, shall be received as a witness, together with any other legal evidence which may be introduced by either party.

SEC. 7. Any school commissioner or treasurer or other person authorized to loan money belonging to school fund, may loan the same at an interest of eight per cent. per annum, any thing in this law to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 8. All acts and parts of acts coming within the purview of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed, provided, that nothing in this act contained, shall be so construed as to affect any contracts heretofore made. This act to take effect and be in force from and after the first day of April next.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

The main question was ordered.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. Deskines, and decided in the affirmative, and the bill as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Morrison moved to dispense with the rule, and read the bill the third time by the title; upon this motion, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Arnold and Huffman; when

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

The bill was laid on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have adopted the following:

Ordered, That the House of Representatives be respectfully requested to return to the Senate the bill entitled "An act to alter and amend the law concerning interest on money and usury," together with the objections of the Council of Revision thereto.

On motion of Mr. Butler,

The vote taken on the re-passage of the Senate bill for "An act to alter and amend the laws concerning interest on money and usury," was reconsidered; when,

The question was again taken on the re-passage of said bill, the objections of the Council of Revision to the contrary notwithstanding, and decided in the negative, the constitutional majority not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Churchill, Davis of McLean, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Hanson, Hardie, Harper, Harriott, Hendry, Herndon, Hicks, Huffman, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Moore, Morris, Morrison, Myers, Nye, Oglesby, Parrish, Pickering, Prevo, Randolph, Rawlings, Ricks, Robbins, Ross, Sexton, Starkweather, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, White of Scott, Woollard, Yates and Zieber.—56.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Adams, Aldrich, Armstrong, Arnold, Collins, Cox, Cushman, Fletcher, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Henderson, Hick, Jackson of M'Henry, Janney, Loop, Manning, Miller of Adams, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, O'Connor, Pitner, Pratt, Reed, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Vedder, Warren, White of Menard, White of Washington, Whiteside, Wood, Woodburn and Mr. Speaker.—36.

On motion of Mr. Brinkley,

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to return to the Senate a bill for "An act to alter and amend the laws concerning interest on money and usury," together with the objections of the Council of Revision thereto, in compliance with the request of the Senate just received.

The message from the Council of Revision returning a bill for "An act for the relief Lovel Kimball, with their objections thereto, coming up for consideration.

The objections were read, and are as follows:

The Council of Revision have had under consideration "An act entitled 'An act for the relief of Lovel Kimball,'" and return the same to the House of Representatives, in which it originated as improper to become a law, with their objections, as follows:

The act recites that said Kimball, was fined in the sum of \$260, by the circuit court of La Salle county, for cutting 13 trees on canal lands, and that there was evidence before the court, that said Kimball had asked and obtained leave of the canal commissioners to use the trees for the erection of a mill. The act then releases said Kimball from all of the said fine, except \$60 to be paid in gold and silver or canal indebtedness.

We learn from the Governor, who was the judge, who presided at the trial of Mr. Kimball for this trespass, that there was no evidence before the court that he had obtained the consent of the canal commissioners as is alledged in the preamble of the act. We learn from the same source, that Mr. Kimball was deemed a notorious trespasser upon the timber on the canal lands, which he had been in the habit of cutting and using at his mill for saw logs; that on this trial, thirteen trees only were proved on him; that the case was tried by a jury who assessed the fine; and that so far from there being any such mitigating circumstances proved as the consent of the canal commissioners, the case was deemed by the jury of so aggravated a character, that they assessed the very highest fine, twenty dollars per tree, which the law allowed by way of example to offenders in like cases.

The Council are informed that it has been very difficult to enforce the laws for the protection of the timber on canal lands. The preservation of this timber is a matter of the greatest importance to the value of those lands; and it is feared that the passage of this law for the relief of a person deemed in the county to be a notorious trespasser in a case in which a jury of the county have inflicted the fine, with the hope of making Mr. Kimball's case an example and a terror to all persons in like cases offending, will give an encouragement to depredations upon those lands, in such a manner as to deprive them of their value.

We are informed that it is exceedingly difficult for the agents of the State to procure convictions of such offenders, and bring them to justice; and if after such a conviction, the belief can be created in the minds of such offenders, that the Legislature will lend a favorable ear, and grant them relief upon easy terms, it seems to us that the door will be opened to innumerable trespasses on the canal lands; and they in a short time be deprived of that value upon which reliance has been placed, for the completion of the canal and the payment of the canal debt.

THOMAS FORD,
S. H. TREAT,
S. D. LOCKWOOD,
J. D. CATON,
R. M. YOUNG,
JAS. SHIELDS,
WALTER B. SCATES,
THOMAS C. BROWNE.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

The bill was laid on the table.

A bill for "An act for the relief of Hugh Ronalds and Jonas Handy," coming up for consideration.

The question pending being on the motion of Mr. Butler to lay the bill and the substitute proposed by the committee on Internal Improvements on the table, he withdrew said motion, and

On motion of Mr. Butler,

The bill and proposed substitute were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

Leave was given him to withdraw certain petitions and remonstrances relative to the formation of a new county, out of La Salle and Bureau.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed chapter 42 of "Revised Statutes," in which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of a bill entitled "An act making appropriations for the years 1845 and 1846," with sundry amendments.

In which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Senate chapter 42 of "Revised Statutes" was taken up, and

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

Read the first time by the title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On his further motion, the rule was dispensed with, and the chapter read the second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the chapter read the third time by the title, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Webb, a Senator:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed chapter 47 of "Revised Statutes," concerning "interest."

In which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The amendments of the Senate to a bill for "An act making appropriations for the years 1845 and 1846," coming up for consideration,

The question was taken on each amendment separately.

The first, third, fourth, fifth and ninth of the Senate amendments were not concurred in.

The second, sixth, seventh, tenth and twelfth amendments were concurred in.

Mr. Logan called for a division of the question on the eighth amendment; when,

Mr. Strong moved to amend said amendment by striking out "\$3,543," for work done on the Penitentiary, and inserting "\$2,582."

Mr. Sexton moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table; which was not agreed to.

The amendment proposed by Mr. Strong was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

The amendment of the Senate was further amended by striking out "\$1,000," the compensation allowed to Mr. Brayman for revising the laws, and inserting "\$800."

The eighth amendment of the Senate as amended was then concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Robbins,

The eleventh amendment of the Senate was amended by striking out, "and a half;" and the amendment as amended concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in the amendments of the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of bills entitled as follows:

"An act in relation to the county seat of Fulton county;"

"An act to change certain names herein named;"

"An act to authorise county commissioners' courts to provide for the safe keeping and preserving all the public records belonging to said counties;"

"An act to authorise the county commissioners of Warren county to settle with Daniel McNeil;"

"An act to suspend 'An act therein named;' "

"An act to authorise the town of Peoria to construct water works;"

"An act to incorporate the Springfield lodge No. 4, of free and accepted Masons;"

"An act to vacate the town plat of Romeo in the county of Will;"

"An act to incorporate the Warrenville Seminary in the county of Du Page;"

"An act for the benefit of James Hood, a minor;"

"An act to legalize the acknowledgment of the town plat of Rockford, on the west side of Rock river;"

"An act authorising the city of Galena to levy a tax;"

"An act for the relief of the collectors of the counties of Randolph and Monroe;"

"An act to incorporate the Mount Palatine Academy;"

"An act requiring the collector of Champaign county to pay over certain moneys upon the Auditor's Warrant;"

"An act to vacate the town-plat of Sangamon town."

The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in their amendments to bills, entitled "An act to fix the times of holding courts in the seventh and ninth judicial circuits;"

"An act concerning the counties of Union, Alexander and Pulaski;"

"An act authorising administrators and executors from other States to prosecute suits in this State."

Mr. Aldrich, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and laid before the Council of Revision, bills of the following titles:

"An act authorising the city of Galena to levy a tax;" and

"An act concerning public roads."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of bills entitled

"An act to repeal certain acts therein named;"

"An act for the benefit of Thomas H. Campbell;"

"An act to authorise justices of the peace to take recognizances in certain cases;" and

"An act in relation to schools in township nineteen north, of range nine east, in Champaign county."

Mr. Aldrich, from the committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and laid before the Council of Revision, bills of the following titles:

"An act to incorporate the Hygean Seminary, at Western Saratoga, Union county;"

"An act for the benefit of Garrett M. Blue, late Sheriff of the county of Livingston."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of bills entitled, "An act to legalise the acts of the commissioners in locating a State road from Belvidere, to Little Fort;"

"An act to incorporate the Decatur Cemetery Association;"

"An act for the re survey of the towns of Waterloo and Columbia;"

"An act to authorise Stephen Forbes to construct a dam across the Des Plaines river, in Cook county;"

"An act to vacate the town-plat of the town of Enterprize;"

"An act to authorise the construction of a toll bridge across the Illinois river;"

"An act to incorporate the Warrenville Cemetery Association;"

"An act relating to town-plats therein named;"

"An act to authorize the county commissioner's court of Jefferson to establish an additional justices district in said county;" and

"An act to define and establish the boundary lines of State street, in the city Chicago."

On motion of Mr. Ross,

A Senate bill for "An act to dispose of lands stricken off to the State for taxes, and for other purposes," laid on the table this morning, was taken up for consideration; when

Mr. Ross moved to amend the bill, by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting the following, in lieu thereof, viz:

"That the school commissioner of Fulton county be, and he is, hereby authorized to present the paper of the State Bank of Illinois, in his possession, belonging to the school fund of Fulton county, to the Bank, and draw the specie and certificates from the Bank for the same; and may pay out said certificates at their cash value, or loan the same for as short a period as he can, payable at par, in gold and silver; or, if it should be deemed more to the interest of the school fund, said commissioner may, in his discretion, loan out or sell said paper at its cash value, and shall be liable to account for such amount as may be realized by disposing of the same to the best advantage, for the benefit of the school fund."

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The proposed amendment was amended by adding the following as an additional section:

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the bed of the Alton and Mount Carmel Railroad, lying between Edwardsville and Alton, in the county of Madison be, and the same is, hereby granted to the county of Madison, to be used and kept in repair by said county, as a public highway, for the use of the people of this State; the said road to be subject to all the provisions of law from time to time existing in the State respecting the superintendence, prosecution and repair of State roads: *Provided,* that the State may, at any time, resume the exclusive use of the road herein granted."

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The proposed amendment was further amended by adding after the word 'Fulton,' in the first section, the words 'and Union.'

The proposed amendment, as amended, was agreed to; and the bill, as amended, was then passed.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The title of the bill was amended so as to read, "An act in relation to the school funds of Fulton and Union counties, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the title be as amended, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in said amendments.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Leave was given him to withdraw certain accounts and vouchers of S. M. Tinsley & Co.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

A bill for "An act to prevent trespassing upon timber, and to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace," was taken up; when,

On his further motion, the main question was ordered.

The question recurring on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, the yeas and nays were taken, on the demand of Messrs. Strong and Anderson of St. Clair, and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Churchill, Harper, Henderson, Lockard, Logan, Matthews, Moore, Myers, Pickering, Rawlings, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Warren, White of Scott, Wilcox, Woollard, Woodburn, Yates and Youngkin.—29.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Armstrong, Benedict, Boykin, Brinkley, Burnett, Campbell, Cochran, Collins, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Gregg, Hanson, Hardie, Harriott, Hendry, Hick, Hicks, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Lott, McDonald, Miller of Winnebago, Morrille, Nye, O'Connor, Parrish, Pitner, Pratt, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Starkweather, Vedder, Whiteside, Wilkinson, Wood and Mr. Speaker.—44.

No quorum voting, the question was lost.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred with them in the passage of bills entitled as follows:

"An act to limit the tenure of office of masters in chancery;"

"An act to authorize Titus Howe to construct a mill-dam across Fox river, in Kendall county;"

"An act authorizing masters in chancery to grant writs of *certiorari*;"

"An act to establish the county line dividing Gallatin and Hardin counties;"

Senate chapter 47 of Revised Statutes, concerning interest, was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Kuykendall moved to dispense with the rule, and read the chapter the second time by the title; which was not agreed to.

Mr. Pickering moved to dispense with the rule, to allow him to introduce a resolution; which was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

The vote taken on refusing to dispense with the rule, to allow Senate chapter 47 of Revised Statutes to be read the second time by the title, was re-considered.

The rule was then dispensed with, and the chapter read the second time by the title; when

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

The chapter was amended by striking out the ninth and tenth sections, and the chapter as amended, was

Ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Ross moved to dispense with the rule, and read said chapter the third time by the title; which was agreed to, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Morrison and Whiteside, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Armstrong, Backenstos, Barnsback, Benedict, Boyakin, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Churchill, Cochran, Cox, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Gregg, Haley, Hanson, Harriott, Hendry, Herndon, Hick, Hicks, Janney, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Kuykendall, Leighton, Lockard, Logan, Lott, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Adams, Morrille, Morris, Myers, Nye, O'Connor, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Pratt, Prevo, Reed, Robbins, Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Sexton, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Starkweather, Strong, Turley, Vedder, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Woollard, Wood, Woodburn, Yates, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker.—68.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Arnold, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Jackson of McHenry, Loop, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrison, Rawlings, Stewart, Thompson, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott and Whiteside.—19.

Mr. Morrison moved to amend the chapter by adding the following as an additional section, viz:

“Any township in this State having school, college, or seminary funds to loan, may hereafter loan the same at any rate of interest not less than eight per cent., nor more than twelve per cent. per annum; the rate to be fixed by a majority of the legal voters of said townships respectively, who shall, at every election for township trustees, vote the rate of interest at which said fund shall be loaned, until their next election for trustees, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.”

On motion of Mr. Deskines,

The main question was ordered.

The question then recurring on the adoption of the proposed amendment, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, on the demand of Messrs. Morrison and Logan, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson of St. Clair, Arenz, Armstrong, Arnold, Backenstos, Barnsback, Boyakin, Churchill, Cochran, Collins, Davis of McLean, Gregg, Haley, Hardie, Harper, Henderson, Hendry, Herndon, Huffman, Jackson of McHenry, Jewell, Kirkpatrick, Leighton, Logan, Loop, Manning, McDonald, Matthews, Metz, Miller of Winnebago, Moore, Morrille, Morrison, Myers, O'Connor, Pratt, Rawlings,

Ross, Scott of Macoupin, Smith of Bureau, Smith of Sangamon, Smith of Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Thompson, Wagner, Warren, White of Menard, White of Scott, Whiteside, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Wood and Yates.—55.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alexander, Benedict, Brinkley, Brown, Burnett, Campbell, Davis of Williamson, Deskines, Dunbar, Emerson, Funkhouser, Hanson, Harriott, Hick, Hicks, Janney, Kuykendall, Lockard, Lott, Miller of Adams, Morris, Nye, Parrish, Pickering, Pitner, Prevo, Reed, Robbins, Sexton, Starkweather, Turley, Vedder, Woollard, Woodburn, Youngkin and Mr. Speaker—36.

The chapter, as amended, was then read the third time by the title and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in said amendment.

On motion of Mr. Arnold,

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be tendered to the reverend clergy of Springfield, for their polite attention and faithful services performed in prayer during the present session.

On motion,

The House adjourned.

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Edson.

Senate bill for "An act to provide for the collection of certain moneys therein named," was read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the second time by its title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On his further motion, the rule was again dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act for the relief of Joseph Reynolds of Gallatin county;"

"An act to legalize the acts of the trustees of the town of Chester, in Randolph county;"

"An act to exempt burying grounds from taxes, executions and attachments;"

"An act to locate a State road from Mt. Sterling, in Brown county, to Griggsville, in Pike county;"

"An act for the relief of the securities of H. Vanderhoof, late a collector of Jasper county;" and

"An act to incorporate the Roscoe Cemetery."

The Speaker laid before the House the following letter from the Hon. Mr. Denning:

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS,
March 3, 1845. }

To the SPEAKER of the
House of Representatives:

SIR: Having been elected to the office of States Attorney for the 3d Judicial Circuit, and having accepted the same, I hereby tender this my resignation as a member of the General Assembly from the counties of Alexander and Pulaski. Before I conclude, suffer me to add my testimony in support of the able and impartial manner in which you have discharged the onerous duties devolving on you as Speaker of this House.

With great respect,

I am, your obedient servant,

WM. A. DENNING.

Senate bill for "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to diminish the State debt and to put the State Bank into liquidation,' and to amend 'An act entitled 'An act to reduce the public debt one million of dollars and put the Bank of Illinois into liquidation,' as amended, was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be amended by striking out the last clause, and that the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

House bill for "An act to create the county of Okaw out of part of the county of Coles," coming up in order.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Aldrich from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled and this day laid before the Council of Revision bills of the following titles:

"An act in relation to Schools in township nineteen north of range nine east in Champaign county;"

"An act for the benefit of James Hood, a minor;"

"An act to incorporate the Springfield lodge of free and accepted Masons;"

"An act to vacate the town plat of Sangamon town;"

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"An act authorizing county commissioners' courts to provide for the safe keeping and preserving all the public records belonging to said counties;"

"An act to drain a marsh in Grouse point precinct in Cook county, and for other purposes;"

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"An act to authorize the county commissioners of Warren county to settle with Daniel McNeil;"

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"An act to establish the county line dividing Gallatin and Hardin counties;"

"An act to vacate the town plat of Romeo, in the county of Will;"

"An act to suspend an act therein named;"

"An act to incorporate the Decatur Cemetery Association;"

"An act concerning the Sangamon river;"

"An act to vacate the town plat of the town of Enterprise;" and

"An act for the re-survey of the towns of Waterloo and Columbia."

Mr. Backenstos, from the committee on Counties, to which was referred a bill for "An act to attach part of the county of Wayne to the county of Richland," reported the same back to the House, and recommended its rejection; when

The House refused to order it to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Gregg, from the select committee, to which was referred certain papers on the subject of the re-annexation of Texas, reported the same back to the House and asked to be discharged from their further consideration; which was granted, and, on his motion, the papers were laid on the table.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred certain petitions and memorials, reported back, and was discharged from their further consideration, and the papers laid on the table.

Mr. Turley, from the select committee, to which were referred the petitions of certain citizens of the counties of Montgomery, Fayette, Shelby and Christian, for a new county, reported them back to the House, and asked to be discharged from their further consideration; which was granted, and they were laid on the table.

Mr. Ross, from the committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, the following acts:

"An act regulating the assessment and collection of the public revenue;"

"An act to incorporate the Warrenville Cemetery Association;"

"An act to limit the tenure of office of Masters in Chancery;"

"An act to repeal certain acts therein named;"

"An act to authorize the town of Peoria to construct water works;"

"An act to define and establish the boundary lines of State street in the city of Chicago;"

"An act to authorize Stephen Forbes to construct a dam across the Des Plaines river;"

"An act authorizing Masters in Chancery to grant writs of certiorari;"

"An act in relation to the county seat of Fulton county;"

"An act to incorporate the Warrenville Seminary in the county of Du Page;"

“An act relating to town plats therein named;”

“An act to authorize Titus Howe to construct a mill dam across Fox river, in Kendall county;”

“An act for the benefit of Thomas H. Campbell;” and

“An act to incorporate the Mount Palatine Academy.”

Mr. Benedict, from the committee on Banks and Corporations, to which were referred sundry bills, resolutions, petitions and other papers upon various subjects, reported the same back to the House, and asked to be discharged from their further consideration; which was granted.

On motion of Mr. Boyakin,

They were laid on the table.

Mr. Boyakin, from the committee on Federal Relations, to which was referred various papers, reported them back to the House, and asked to be discharged from their further consideration; which was granted, and, on his motion, they were laid on the table.

Mr. Backenstos, from the select committee, to which was referred a bill for “An act to locate a State road therein named,” reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration; which was granted, when the House refused to order the bill to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Benedict, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill for “An act to exempt certain real estate and other property from execution,” reported the same back to the House, and recommended its rejection; when the House refused to order the bill to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Deskines, on leave, introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the Governor be and he is hereby authorised to appoint a Prosecuting Attorney for the Jo Daviess county court, to hold his office until otherwise provided by law, without any compensation from the State. All his official acts are hereby declared to be as legal and valid as though elected by the Legislature.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Ross, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill for “An act in relation to county revenue in De Kalb county,” reported the same back to the House and recommended its rejection; when the House refused to order it to be engrossed.

Mr. Ross, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred a communication from the Auditor of Public Accounts transmitting a report from the Commissioner of the Gallatin Saline Lands, reported the same back to the House; when, on his motion, the report was laid on the table.

Mr. Pickering asked and obtained leave to withdraw certain petitions.

Mr. Morris asked and obtain leave to withdraw certain petitions.

Mr. Woodburn, from the select committee to which was referred a petition on the subject of the collection of taxes in Washington county, reported the same back, and was discharged from its further consideration, and, on his motion, the petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Kirkpatrick asked and obtained leave to withdraw the petition of sundry citizens Montgomery county, on the subject of the State Bank.

Mr. Ross, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill for "An act to enable tax payers to draw their share of redemption money," reported the same back to the House, and recommended its rejection, on his motion, the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Turley, from the select committee, to which were referred sundry petitions, reported them back to the House, and asked to be discharged from their further consideration; when, on his motion, they were laid on the table.

A message from the Council of Revision, by Mr. Hawley, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Council of Revision have approved an act entitled "An act for revising and consolidating the general Statutes of this State, consisting of chapters from number one to number one hundred and ten inclusive;"

"They have also approved bills of the following titles, to-wit:

"An act to incorporate the Cherry-Grove Seminary in Knox county;"

"An act to facilitate the collection of debts by executors and administrators in desperate cases;"

"An act to incorporate the town of Knoxville in Knox county;"

"An act for the location of certain State roads therein named, and for the vacation of other State roads;"

"An act to incorporate the Hygean Seminary at Western Saratoga in Union county;"

"An act authorizing the city of Galena to levy a tax;"

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A message from the Senate by Mr. Moore, their Assistant Secretary:

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The Senate have also receded from its amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the years 1845 and 1846;" in which the House of Representatives refused to concur; and have concurred with the House in their amendments to the amendments of the Senate to said bill.

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On motion of Mr. Lott,

Resolved, That the Clerk inform the Senate that the House of Representatives is now ready to adjourn *sine die* in pursuance of the joint resolution of the two Houses, passed some days since, fixing this as the time of adjournment.

Mr. Kuykendall, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, a bill for "An act to authorize the assessment and collection of taxes in the Rochester school district."

The hour having arrived for the adjournment of the General Assembly in pursuance of the joint resolution of the two Houses, the Speaker rose and said:

The time fixed for our labors is now to terminate, and this is the befitting occasion for me to tender to you my most sincere thanks for the kindness, friendship and the indulgence which you have at all times and upon so many occasions extended me as the presiding officer of this House. If, in an unguarded moment, any act or expression of mine has wounded the feelings or given offence to any one, I pray it may be forgiven and forgotten. As your presiding officer I have at all times endeavored to discharge the arduous duties which you assigned with fidelity, impartiality and whatever of ability I possessed; the success of those endeavors it is for others, not me to determine.

That each and all of you have been actuated by an ardent desire to promote the public weal, I am fully persuaded, and I trust that upon your return to your homes you will find your families in the enjoyment of health and all those blessings that you can desire, and that your public acts here may meet with the approbation of your constituents—that approval which is always so welcome to the representative. Long may you and each of you retain that approval and long continue to adorn, to regulate, to promote the Legislation of our beloved State, and may your wisdom, your prudence and your economy restore the State to her wonted prosperity.

In after life I shall recur to the stormy scenes through which we have passed with the same feelings of pleasure that I do to my boyhood days and my early home, each now passed to occur to me no more. Your kindness, your friendship are deeply written upon my heart to be obliterated only when every pulsation of life shall cease; I carry with me none other than feelings of friendship and kindness for those who have been my associates in this Legislature. I bid you an affectionate farewell, and perform the last duty as your presiding officer by declaring the House adjourned *sine die*.

So the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois stands adjourned *sine die*.

NEWTON CLOUD,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

March 3, 1845.

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